

PA 1173920

RECEIVED
11 JAN 2005
WIPO PCT

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

May 21, 2004

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ANNEXED HERETO IS A TRUE COPY FROM THE RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE OF THOSE PAPERS OF THE BELOW IDENTIFIED PATENT APPLICATION THAT MET THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE GRANTED A FILING DATE UNDER 35 USC 111.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 60/541,668

FILING DATE: February 03, 2004

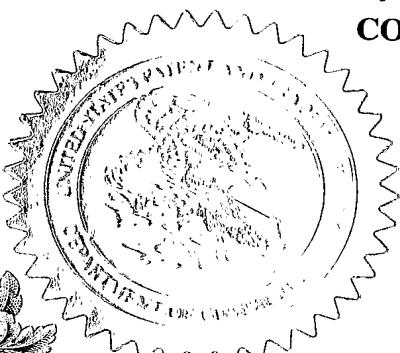
PRIORITY
DOCUMENT

SUBMITTED OR TRANSMITTED IN
COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 17.1(a) OR (b)

By Authority of the
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS



P. SWAIN
Certifying Officer



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT COVER SHEET

This is a request for filing a PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT under 37 CFR 1.53(c).

Express Mail Label No.

ER573872118US

U.S. PTO
141668**INVENTOR(S)**

Given Name (first and middle if any)	Family Name or Surname	Residence (City and either State or Foreign Country)
Yoshikuni	Okumura	Ludwigshafen, Germany
Ilya	Nifant'ev	Moscow, Russia
Pavel	Ivchenko	Moscow, Russia

 Additional inventors are being named on the 1 separately numbered sheets attached hereto**TITLE OF THE INVENTION (500 characters max)**

ORGANOMETALLIC TRANSITION METAL COMPOUND, BISCYCLOPENTADIENYL LIGAND SYSTEM, CATALYST SYSTEM AND PREPARATION OF POLYOLEFINS

Direct all correspondence to:

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Customer Number

34872



Place

Bar code (if applicable)

OR

Type Customer Number here

34872

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

<input type="checkbox"/> Firm or Individual Name	William R. Reid				
Address	Basell USA Inc.				
Address	912 Appleton Road				
City	Elkton	State	MD	ZIP	21921
Country	US	Telephone	410-996-1783	Fax	410-996-1560

ENCLOSED APPLICATION PARTS (check all that apply) Specification Number of Pages 55 CD(s), Number Drawing(s) Number of Sheets Other (specify) Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76**METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FILING FEES FOR THIS PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT** Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.FILING FEE
AMOUNT (\$) A check or money order is enclosed to cover the filing fees

08-2336

\$160.00

 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number: Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The invention was made by an agency of the United States Government or under a contract with an agency of the United States Government.

 No. Yes, the name of the U.S. Government agency and the Government contract number are: _____

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNATURE William R. ReidDate 02/03/2004TYPED or PRINTED NAME William R. ReidREGISTRATION NO.
(if appropriate)
Docket Number:47,894TELEPHONE 410-996-1783LU 6145 (US)**USE ONLY FOR FILING A PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT**

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.51. The information is used by the public to file (and by the PTO to process) a provisional application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 8 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the complete provisional application to the PTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Box Provisional Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Additional Page

PTO/SB/16 (02-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0032
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Docket Number	LU 6145 (US)
---------------	--------------

INVENTOR(S)/APPLICANT(S)

Given Name (first and middle [if any])	Family or Surname	Residence (City and either State or Foreign Country)
Vladimir	Bagrov	Moscow, Russia

Number 2 of 2

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

EXPRESS MAILING CERTIFICATE

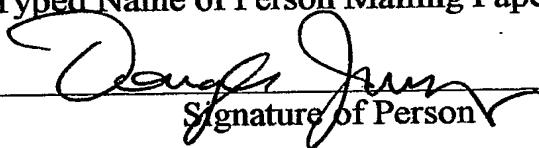
This certifies that the attached **Form PTO/SB/16** (in duplicate), **Specification (55)** for the provisional application of **Yoshikuni Okumura et al.** for **ORGANOMETALLIC TRANSITION METAL COMPOUND, BISCYCLOPENTADIENYL LIGAND SYSTEM, CATALYST SYSTEM AND PREPARATION OF POLYOLEFINS** (our ref: **LU 6145 (US)**) is being mailed by "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service in an envelope addressed:

Mail Stop Provisional Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

and deposited on **FEBRUARY 3, 2004** as "Express Mail" in the United States Postal Service, the number of the "Express Mail" mailing label being **ER573872118US**.

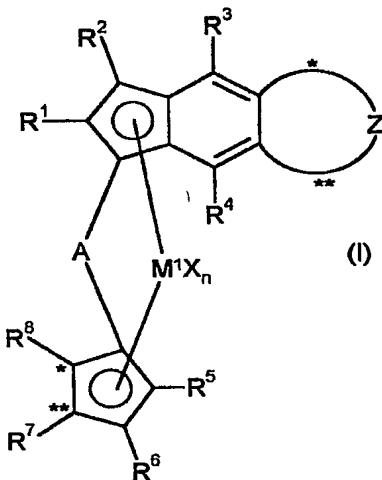
Douglas Jumps

Typed Name of Person Mailing Paper or Fee


Signature of Person

ORGANOMETALLIC TRANSITION METAL COMPOUND,
BISCYCLOPENTADIENYL LIGAND SYSTEM, CATALYST SYSTEM AND
PREPARATION OF POLYOLEFINS

The present invention relates to organometallic transition metal compounds of the
5 formula (I)



where

M¹ is an element of group 3, 4, 5 or 6 of the Periodic Table of the Elements or the lanthanides,
10 the radicals X are identical or different and are each an organic or inorganic radical, with two radicals X also being able to be joined to one another,
n is a natural number from 1 to 4,
Z is a divalent organic group which has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms and together with the two carbon atoms of the indenyl system forms a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted ring system having a ring size of from 4 to 12 atoms,
15 where Z within the ring system fused to the indenyl system may also contain one or more, identical or different heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te,
R¹ is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,
R² is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,
20 R³ is hydrogen, halogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,

R^4 is hydrogen, halogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,
 R^5 is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,
 R^6 is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,
 R^7, R^8 are identical or different and are each hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms or R^7 and R^8 together with the atoms connecting them form a monocyclic or polycyclic, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms and may also contain heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of the elements Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te,
A is a bridge consisting of a divalent atom or a divalent group,

10 and
if R^3 is hydrogen, then R^5 is an organic radical which has from 3 to 20 carbon atoms and is branched in the α position and R^6 is hydrogen.

15 The present invention further relates to biscyclopentadienyl ligand systems having such a substitution pattern, indenes having a specific substitution pattern, catalyst systems comprising at least one of the organometallic transition metal compounds of the present invention, a process for preparing polyolefins by polymerization or copolymerization of at least one olefin in the presence of one of the catalyst systems of the present invention, the use of the biscyclopentadienyl ligand systems of the present invention for preparing organometallic transition metal compounds and a process for preparing organometallic transition metal
20 compounds using the biscyclopentadienyl ligand systems.

Research and development on the use of organometallic transition metal compounds, in particular metallocenes, as catalyst components for the polymerization and copolymerization of olefins with the objective of preparing tailored polyolefins has been pursued intensively in universities and in industry over the past 15 years. Now both ethylene-based polyolefins
25 prepared by means of metallocene catalyst systems and, in particular, propylene-based polyolefins prepared by means of metallocene catalyst systems represent a dynamically growing market segment.

30 The preparation of propylene-ethylene copolymers which are used, for example, as rubber phase in the preparation of impact-modified propylene polymers has usually suffered from the problem that the molar masses of the propylene-ethylene copolymers which can be

achieved using the known metallocene catalysts are significantly less than the molar masses of isotactic propylene homopolymers.

EP-A-776913 describes the preparation of high molecular weight propylene-ethylene copolymers using specifically substituted C2-symmetric bisindenyl metallocenes.

5 EP-A-834519 describes catalyst systems comprising C1-symmetric bisindenyl metallocenes which are suitable for the homopolymerization of propylene and produce propylene homopolymers having high melting points.

10 WO 01/48034 describes catalyst systems which, owing to specifically substituted metallocenes, are able to produce both propylene-ethylene copolymers as rubber phase having a satisfactory molar mass and also propylene homopolymers having a sufficiently high melting point for satisfactorily high stiffness of the matrix. WO 03/045551 describes catalyst systems which have a further-improved property profile in respect of the above-described requirements.

15 Despite the progress which has been achieved hitherto, there continues to be a need to find new metallocene catalyst systems which can achieve an improvement in the combination of high molar mass of the rubber phase and stiffness of the matrix. A further aspect is the economical accessibility of the catalyst components.

20 It is an object of the present invention to find organometallic transition metal compounds which, when used as catalyst constituents, are able to achieve a further increase in the molar mass of propylene-ethylene copolymers resulting from the polymerization compared to the known metallocenes and at the same time are able to increase or at least maintain the desired stiffness of the propylene homopolymer. Furthermore, the organometallic transition metal compounds should be able to be obtained in an economical fashion.

We have found that this object is achieved by the organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) described at the outset.

25 M^1 is an element of group 3, 4, 5 or 6 of the Periodic Table of the Elements or the lanthanides, for example titanium, zirconium, hafnium, vanadium, niobium, tantalum, chromium, molybdenum or tungsten, preferably titanium, zirconium, hafnium, particularly preferably zirconium or hafnium and especially preferably zirconium.

30 The radicals X are identical or different, preferably identical, and are each an organic or inorganic radical, with two radicals X also being able to be joined to one another. X is preferably halogen, for example fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, preferably chlorine,

hydrogen, C_1-C_{20-} , preferably C_1-C_4 -alkyl, in particular methyl, C_2-C_{20-} , preferably C_2-C_4 -alkenyl, C_6-C_{22-} , preferably C_6-C_{10} -aryl, an alkylaryl or arylalkyl group having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl radical and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl radical, $-OR^{13}$ or $-NR^{13}R^{14}$, preferably $-OR^{13}$, where two radicals X, 5 preferably two radicals $-OR^{13}$, may also be joined to one another. It is also possible for two radicals X to form a substituted or unsubstituted diene ligand, in particular a 1,3-diene ligand. The radicals R^{13} and R^{14} are each C_1-C_{10-} , preferably C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_6-C_{15-} , preferably C_6-C_{10-} aryl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, fluoroalkyl or fluoroaryl each having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl radical and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in 10 the aryl radical.

Unless restricted further, alkyl is a linear, branched or cyclic radical such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, i-butyl, s-butyl, t-butyl, n-pentyl, cyclopentyl, n-hexyl, cyclohexyl, n-heptyl or n-octyl.

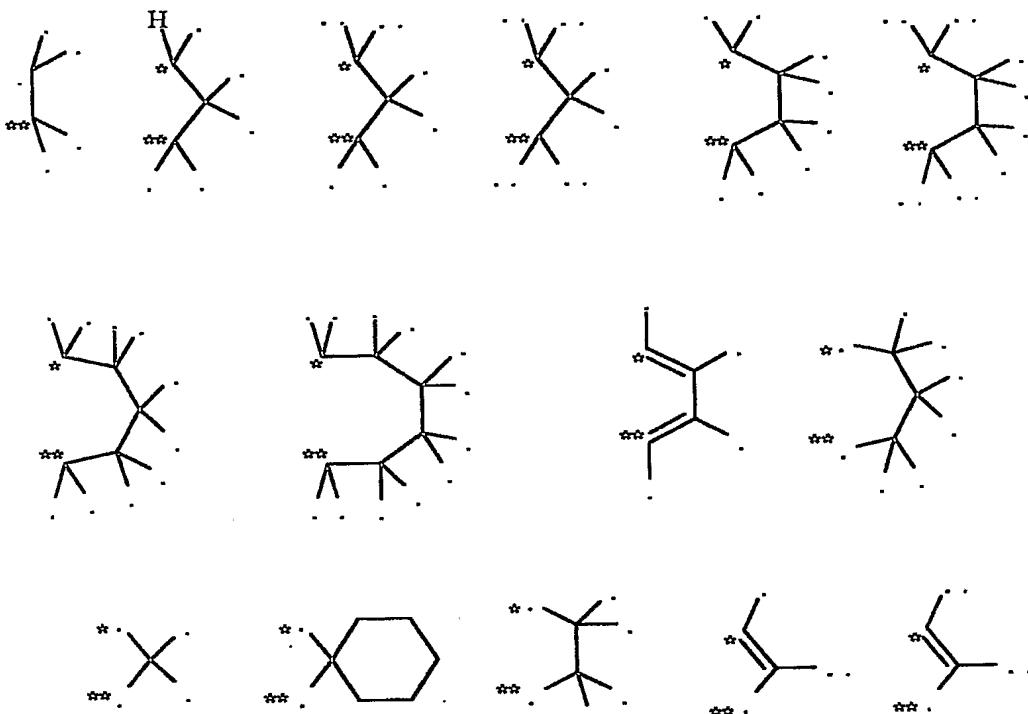
15 The index n is a natural number from 1 to 4 which is frequently equal to the oxidation number of M^1 minus 2. In the case of elements of group 4 of the Periodic Table of the Elements, n is preferably 2.

Z is a divalent organic group which has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms and together with the two carbon atoms of the indenyl system forms a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has a ring size of from 4 to 12, preferably from 4 to 8, 20 particularly preferably from 4 to 6, especially preferably 5 or 6, atoms, where Z within the ring system fused to the indenyl system may also contain one or more, preferably 1 or 2, identical or different heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te, preferably Si, Ge, N, O and S, in particular O and S.

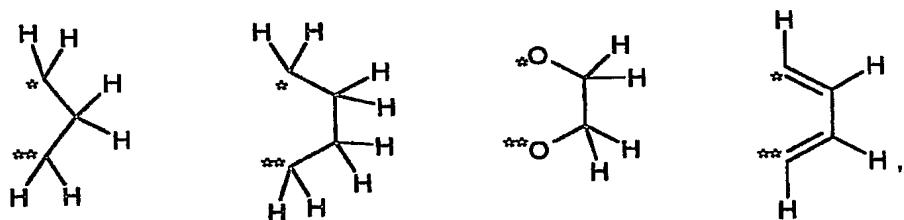
Z is preferably $-(C(R^aR^b))_k-$, $-O-(C(R^aR^b))_j-O-$, $-C(R^a)=C(R^a)-C(R^a)=C(R^a)-$ or $25 C(R^a)=C(R^a)-S-$, where both the radicals R^a and the radicals R^b are, independently of one another, identical or different and R^a and R^b are each hydrogen, halogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, or two radicals R^a and/or R^b together with the atoms connecting them form a monocyclic or polycyclic, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has from 1 to 30 carbon atoms and may also contain heteroatoms selected from the group 30 consisting of the elements Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te, in particular N, O and S, and k is a natural number from 2 to 6, preferably 3 or 4, in particular 3, and j is a natural number from 1 to

4, preferably 1 or 2, in particular 2. R^a and R^b are preferably each hydrogen, a C₁-C₁₀-, in particular C₁-C₄-alkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted C₆-C₁₄-aryl radical.

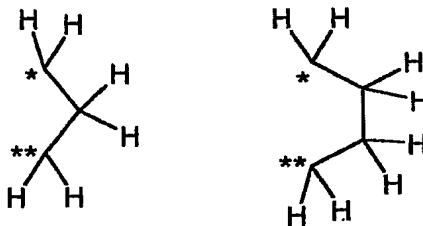
Preferred examples of Z are



preferably



5 in particular



R^1 is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, for example C_1-C_{40} -alkyl, C_1-C_{10} -fluoroalkyl, C_2-C_{40} -alkenyl, C_6-C_{40} -aryl, C_6-C_{10} -fluoroaryl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl or alkylaryl having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, or a C_2-C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of the elements O, N, S, P and Se, in particular O, N and S, where the heteroaromatic radical may be substituted by further radicals R^{15} , where R^{15} is an organic radical which has from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and is defined, in particular, like R^{13} and a plurality of radicals R^{15} may be identical or different. R^1 preferably hydrogen or an organic radical which has from 1 to 40, preferably from 1 to 20, carbon atoms and is unbranched in the α position, where an organic radical which is unbranched in the α position is defined as a radical whose linking α atom is joined to not more than one atom other than hydrogen. The linking α atom of the organic radical which is unbranched in the α position is preferably a carbon atom. The radical R^1 is particularly preferably an unbranched C_1-C_{20} -, preferably C_1-C_{10} -n-alkyl radical, a C_2-C_{20} -, preferably C_2-C_8 -alkenyl radical or an arylalkyl radical having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part. Examples of especially preferred radicals R^1 are hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl, benzyl and 2-phenylethyl, in particular methyl, ethyl, n-propyl and n-hexyl.

R^2 is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, for example C_1-C_{40} -alkyl, C_1-C_{10} -fluoroalkyl, C_2-C_{40} -alkenyl, C_6-C_{40} -aryl, C_6-C_{10} -fluoroaryl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl or alkylaryl each having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, or a C_2-C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of the elements O, N, S, P and Se, in particular O, N and S, where the heteroaromatic radical may be substituted by further radicals R^{15} where R^{15} is an organic radical which has from 1 to 20

carbon atoms and is defined, in particular, like R^{13} and a plurality of radicals R^{15} may be identical or different. R^2 is preferably hydrogen.

R^3 is hydrogen, halogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, preferably halogen, for example fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine, or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, for example C_1 - C_{40} -alkyl, C_1 - C_{10} -fluoroalkyl, C_2 - C_{40} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{40} -aryl, C_6 - C_{10} -fluoroaryl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl or alkylaryl each having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, or a C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of the elements O, N, S, P and Se, in particular O, N and S, where the heteroaromatic radical may be substituted by further radicals R^{15} , where R^{15} is an organic radical which has from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and is defined, in particular, like R^{13} and a plurality of radicals R^{15} may be identical or different. R^3 is preferably a substituted or unsubstituted C_6 - C_{40} -aryl radical or a C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S and P, in particular O, N and S. The radical R^3 is particularly preferably a substituted or unsubstituted C_6 - C_{40} -aryl radical or alkylaryl radical having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, with the radicals also being able to be halogenated. Examples of particularly preferred radicals R^3 are phenyl, 2-tolyl, 3-tolyl, 4-tolyl, 2,3-dimethylphenyl, 2,4-dimethylphenyl, 2,5-dimethylphenyl, 2,6-dimethylphenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-di(tert-butyl)phenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 2,3,4-trimethylphenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, phenanthrenyl, p-isopropylphenyl, p-tert-butylphenyl, p-s-butylphenyl, p-cyclohexylphenyl and p-trimethylsilylphenyl, in particular phenyl, 1-naphthyl, 3,5-dimethylphenyl and p-tert-butylphenyl.

R^4 is hydrogen, halogen, for example fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine, in particular fluorine, or an organic radical having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, for example C_1 - C_{40} -alkyl, C_1 - C_{10} -fluoroalkyl, C_2 - C_{40} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{40} -aryl, C_6 - C_{10} -fluoroaryl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl or alkylaryl each having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, or a C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of the elements O, N, S, P and Se, in particular O, N and S, where the heteroaromatic radical may be substituted by further radicals R^{15} , where R^{15} is an organic radical which has from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and is,

in particular, defined like R^{13} and a plurality of radicals R^{15} may be identical or different. R^4 is preferably hydrogen, fluorine, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, in particular an n-alkyl, a substituted or unsubstituted C_6 - C_{40} -aryl radical or a C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S and P, in particular O, N and S. R^4 is

5 particularly preferably hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -n-alkyl or a substituted or unsubstituted C_6 - C_{40} -aryl radical. Examples of particularly preferred radicals R^4 are hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, n-hexyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl, 2-tolyl, 3-tolyl, 4-tolyl, 2,3-dimethylphenyl, 2,4-dimethylphenyl, 2,5-dimethylphenyl, 2,6-dimethylphenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-di(tert-butyl)phenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 2,3,4-trimethylphenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, phenanthrenyl, p-isopropylphenyl, p-tert-butylphenyl, p-s-butylphenyl, p-cyclohexylphenyl or p-trimethylsilylphenyl. Especial preference is given to R^4 being hydrogen.

10 R^5 is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, preferably an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, for example C_1 - C_{40} -alkyl, C_1 - C_{10} -fluoroalkyl, C_2 - C_{40} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{40} -aryl, C_6 - C_{10} -fluoroaryl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl or alkylaryl each having 15 from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, or a C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of the elements O, N, S, P and Se, in particular O, N and S, where the heteroaromatic radical may be substituted by further radicals R^{15} , where R^{15} is an organic radical which has from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and is, in particular, 20 defined like R^{13} and a plurality of radicals R^{15} may be identical or different.

25 R^5 is preferably an organic radical which has from 3 to 20 carbon atoms and is branched in the α position, where an organic radical which is branched in the α position is defined as a radical whose linking α atom bears at least two directly bound atoms which are different from hydrogen and not more than one directly bound hydrogen atom. The linking α atom is preferably carbon. The radical R^5 is particularly preferably C_3 - C_{20} -, preferably C_3 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_3 - C_{20} -, preferably C_3 - C_8 -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{18} -, preferably C_6 - C_{10} -aryl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl or arylalkenyl each having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 18, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, C_3 - C_{12} -, preferably C_5 - C_8 -cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl, or the radical R^5 is a saturated or unsaturated heterocycle containing from 3 to 10 30 carbon atoms and at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, P and Se, preferably O, N and S, where the carbocycle or the heterocycle may be substituted by further

radicals R^{15} , where R^{15} is an organic radical which has from 1 to 10 carbon atoms and is, in particular, defined like R^{13} and a plurality of radicals R^{15} may be identical or different.

Examples of preferred radicals R^5 are isopropyl, cyclobutyl, 1-methylpropyl, 1-methylbutyl, 1-ethylbutyl, 1-methylpentyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, t-butyl, cyclopent-2-enyl, 5 cyclopent-3-enyl, cyclohex-2-enyl, cyclohex-3-enyl, para-methylcyclohexyl, diphenylmethyl, triphenylmethyl, phenyl, 2-tolyl, 3-tolyl, 4-tolyl, 2,6-dimethylphenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, phenanthryl, thiienyl, furyl, methylthienyl, methylfuryl, trifluoromethyl and trimethylsilyl, with particular preference being given to isopropyl, 1-methylpropyl, 1-methylbutyl, 1-ethylbutyl, 1-methylpentyl and cyclohexyl, in particular isopropyl and 10 cyclohexyl.

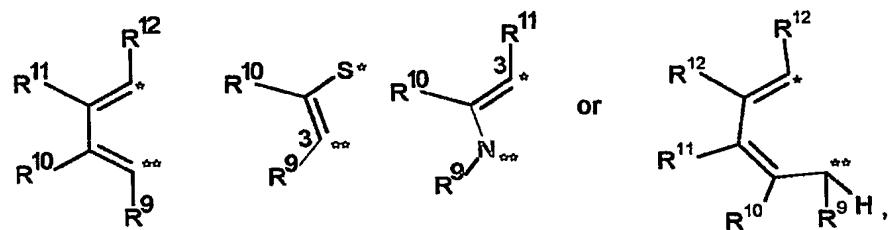
10 R^6 is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, for example C_1-C_{40} -alkyl, C_1-C_{10} -fluoroalkyl, C_2-C_{40} -alkenyl, C_6-C_{40} -aryl, C_6-C_{10} -fluoroaryl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl or alkylaryl each having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, or a C_2-C_{40} -15 heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of the elements O, N, S, P and Se, in particular O, N and S, where the heteroaromatic radical may be substituted by further radicals R^{15} , where R^{15} is an organic radical which has from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and is, in particular, defined like R^{13} and a plurality of radicals R^{15} may be identical or different. R^6 is preferably hydrogen.

20 R^7 and R^8 are identical or different and are each hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, for example a cyclic, branched or unbranched C_1-C_{20} , preferably C_1-C_8 -alkyl radical, a C_2-C_{20} , preferably C_2-C_8 -alkenyl radical, a C_6-C_{22} , preferably C_6-C_{10} -aryl radical, an alkylaryl or arylalkyl radical having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, or 25 R^7 and R^8 together with the atoms connecting them form a monocyclic or polycyclic, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms and may also contain heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of the elements Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te, preferably Si, N, O and S, in particular S and N.

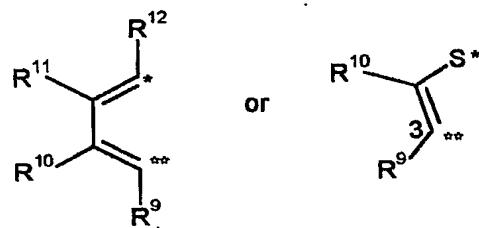
Preference is given to the radicals R^7 and R^8 together forming a divalent organic group T 30 having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, where T together with the two carbon atoms of the cyclopentadienyl ring forms a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted ring system

which preferably has a ring size of from 5 to 7 atoms and T within the ring system fused to the cyclopentadienyl ring may also contain one or more, identical or different heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te, preferably Si, N, O and S, in particular S and N.

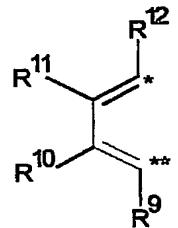
5 Examples of preferred divalent organic groups T are



preferably



in particular



where

10 R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} and R^{12} are identical or different and are each hydrogen, halogen such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine, preferably fluorine, or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, for example a cyclic, branched or unbranched C_1-C_{20} -, preferably C_1-C_8 -alkyl radical, a C_2-C_{20} -, preferably a C_2-C_8 -alkenyl radical, a C_6-C_{22} -, preferably C_6-C_{10} -aryl radical, an alkylaryl

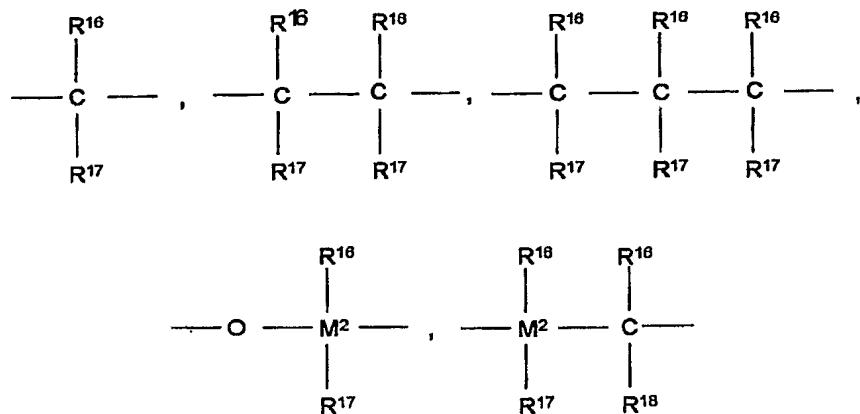
or arylalkyl radical having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, where the radicals may also be halogenated, or the radicals R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} and R^{12} are substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, in particular aromatic, heterocyclic radicals which have from 2 to 40, in particular from 4 to 20, carbon atoms and contain at least one heteroatom, preferably selected from the group of elements consisting of O, N, S and P, in particular N, or two adjacent radicals R^9 , R^{10} and/or R^{11} together with the atoms connecting them form a monocyclic or polycyclic, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms and may also contain heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of the elements Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te, in particular N or S.

Preference is given to R^9 and R^{10} together forming a substituted or unsubstituted, in particular unsubstituted, 1,3-butadiene-1,4-diyl group or R^9 being a substituted or unsubstituted C₆-C₄₀-aryl radical or C₂-C₄₀-heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S and P, in particular O, N and S.

The radical R^9 is particularly preferably a substituted or unsubstituted C₆-C₄₀-aryl radical or an alkylaryl radical having from 1 to 10, preferably from 1 to 4, carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 22, preferably from 6 to 10, carbon atoms in the aryl part, where the radicals may also be halogenated. Examples of particularly preferred radicals R^9 are phenyl, 2-tolyl, 3-tolyl, 4-tolyl, 2,3-dimethylphenyl, 2,4-dimethylphenyl, 2,5-dimethylphenyl, 2,6-dimethylphenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-di(tert-butyl)phenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 2,3,4-trimethylphenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, phenanthrenyl, p-isopropylphenyl, p-tert-butylphenyl, p-s-butylphenyl, p-cyclohexylphenyl and p-trimethylsilylphenyl, in particular phenyl, 1-naphthyl, 3,5-dimethylphenyl and p-tert-butylphenyl.

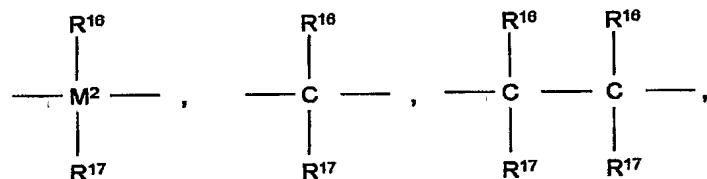
Since the steric interactions of the radicals R^1 and R^5 with the growing polymer chain are of particular importance for the polymerization behavior and the resulting properties of the polymers which can be obtained, preference is given to organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) in which at least one of the radicals R^1 and R^5 , in particular R^5 , is an organic radical which is branched in the α position. Particular preference is given to organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) in which the radicals R^1 and R^5 are different, in particular compounds in which R^1 is an organic radical which is unbranched in the α position.

A is a bridge consisting of a divalent atom or a divalent group. Examples of A are:



-B(R¹⁶)-, -B(NR¹⁶R¹⁷)-, -Al(R¹⁶)-, -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S((O)₂)-, -N(R¹⁶)-,
-C(O)-, -P(R¹⁶)- or -P(O)(R¹⁶)-,

in particular



where

M^2 is silicon, germanium or tin, preferably silicon or germanium, particularly preferably silicon, and

R^{16} , R^{17} and R^{18} are identical or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a 5 trimethylsilyl group, a C_1 - C_{10} -, preferably C_1 - C_3 -alkyl group, a C_1 - C_{10} -fluoroalkyl group, a C_6 - C_{10} -fluoroaryl group, a C_6 - C_{10} -aryl group, a C_1 - C_{10} -, preferably C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy group, a C_7 - C_{15} -alkylaryloxy group, a C_2 - C_{10} -, preferably C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl group, a C_7 - C_{40} -arylalkyl group, a C_8 - C_{40} -arylalkenyl group or a C_7 - C_{40} -alkylaryl group or two adjacent radicals together with the atoms connecting them form a saturated or unsaturated ring having from 4 to 15 carbon atoms.

10 Preferred embodiments of A are the bridges:

dimethylsilanediyl, methylphenylsilanediyl, diphenylsilanediyl, dimethylgermanediyl, ethylidene, 1-methylethylidene, 1,1-dimethylethylidene, 1,2-dimethylethylidene, 1,1,2,2-tetramethylethylidene, dimethylmethyliidene, phenylmethylmethyliidene and diphenylmethylmethyliidene, in particular dimethylsilanediyl, diphenylsilanediyl and ethylidene.

15 A is particularly preferably a substituted silylene group or a substituted or unsubstituted ethylene group, preferably a substituted silylene group such as dimethylsilanediyl, methylphenylsilanediyl, methyl-tert-butylsilanediyl or diphenylsilanediyl, in particular dimethylsilanediyl.

20 The radicals R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} , R^{17} and R^{18} can, according to the present invention, contain further heteroatoms, in particular 25 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of Si, N, P, O, S, F and Cl, or functional groups in place of carbon atoms or hydrogen atoms without the polymerization properties of the organometallic transition metal compound of the present invention being altered, as long as these heteroatoms or functional groups are chemically inert under the polymerization conditions.

Furthermore, the substituents according to the present invention are, unless restricted 25 further, defined as follows:

The term "organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms"; as used in the present context refers to, for example, C_1 - C_{40} -alkyl radicals, C_1 - C_{10} -fluoroalkyl radicals, C_1 - C_{12} -alkoxy radicals, saturated C_3 - C_{20} -heterocyclic radicals, C_6 - C_{40} -aryl radicals, C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radicals, C_6 - C_{10} -fluoroaryl radicals, C_6 - C_{10} -aryloxy radicals, C_3 - C_{18} -trialkylsilyl radicals, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl radicals, C_2 - C_{20} -alkynyl radicals, C_7 - C_{40} -arylalkyl radicals or C_8 - C_{40} -arylalkenyl

radicals. Such an organic radical is derived from an organic compound. Thus, three different organic radicals having one carbon atom can in principle be derived from the organic compound methanol, namely methyl ($\text{H}_3\text{C}-$), methoxy ($\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{O}-$) and hydroxymethyl ($\text{HOC}(\text{H}_2)-$).

5 The term "alkyl" as used in the present context encompasses linear or singly or multiply branched saturated hydrocarbons, which may also be cyclic. Preference is given to $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ -alkyl such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl, n-heptyl, n-octyl, n-nonyl, n-decyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, isopentyl, isohexyl, sec-butyl or tert-butyl.

10 The term "alkenyl" as used in the present context encompasses linear or singly or multiply branched hydrocarbons having at least one C-C double bond, if desired a plurality of C-C double bonds, which may be cumulated or alternating.

15 The term "saturated heterocyclic radical" as used in the present context refers, for example, to monocyclic or polycyclic, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon radicals in which one or more carbon atoms, CH groups and/or CH_2 groups have been replaced by heteroatoms, preferably heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, S, N and P. Preferred examples of substituted or unsubstituted saturated heterocyclic radicals are pyrrolidinyl, imidazolidinyl, pyrazolidinyl, piperidyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl and the like, and also methyl-, ethyl, propyl-, isopropyl- and tert-butyl-substituted derivatives thereof.

20 The term "aryl" as used in the present context refers, for example, to aromatic and fused or unfused polyaromatic hydrocarbon substituents which may be monosubstituted or polysubstituted by linear or branched $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ -alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ -alkoxy, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10}$ -alkenyl or halogen, in particular fluorine. Preferred examples of substituted and substituted aryl radicals are, in particular, phenyl, pentafluorophenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-ethylphenyl, 4-n-propylphenyl, 4-isopropylphenyl, 4-*tert*-butylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 1-naphthyl, 9-anthryl, 9-phenanthryl, 25 3,5-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl or 4-trifluoromethylphenyl.

25 The term "heteroaromatic radical" as used in the present context refers, for example, to aromatic hydrocarbon radicals in which one or more carbon atoms have been replaced by nitrogen, phosphorus, oxygen or sulfur atoms or combinations thereof. These may, like the aryl radicals, be monosubstituted or polysubstituted by linear or branched $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ -alkyl, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10}$ -alkenyl or halogen, in particular fluorine. Preferred examples are furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl,

pyridyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl and the like, and also methyl-, ethyl-, propyl-, isopropyl- and tert-butyl-substituted derivatives thereof.

The term "arylalkyl" as used in the present context refers, for example, to aryl-containing substituents whose aryl radical is linked via an alkyl chain to the remainder of the molecule.

5 Preferred examples are benzyl, substituted benzyl, phenethyl, substituted phenethyl and the like.

The terms fluoroalkyl and fluoroaryl refer to alkyl radicals and aryl radicals, respectively, in which at least one hydrogen atom, preferably more than one up to a maximum of all hydrogen atoms, of the respective substituent have been replaced by fluorine atoms. Examples of fluorine-containing substituents which are preferred according to the present invention are

10 trifluoromethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, pentafluorophenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-perfluoro-tert-butylphenyl and the like.

Preference is given to organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) in which

R^2, R^6 are each hydrogen,

15 R^3 is a substituted or unsubstituted C_6 - C_{40} -aryl radical or C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S and P,

20 R^4 is hydrogen, fluorine, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, a substituted or unsubstituted C_6 - C_{40} -aryl radical, or C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S and P,

R^5 is an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,

25 R^7, R^8 together form a divalent organic group T having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, where T together with the two carbon atoms of the cyclopentadienyl ring forms a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has a ring size of from 5 to 7 atoms, where T within the ring system fused to the cyclopentadienyl ring may also contain one or more, identical or different heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te,

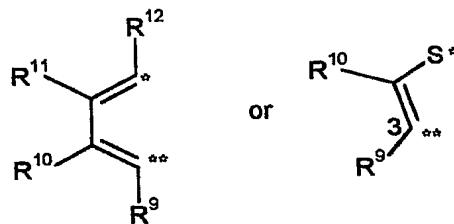
and

M^1, X, n, R^1, Z and A are as defined for the formula (I).

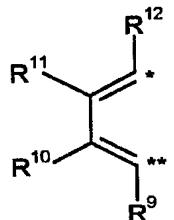
30 Particular preference is given to organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) according to the above definitions in which

M¹ is Ti, Zr or Hf,
 n is 2,
 R¹ is hydrogen or an organic radical which has from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and is unbranched in the α position, in particular an organic radical which has from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and is unbranched in the α position,
 5 R³ is a substituted or unsubstituted C₆-C₄₀-aryl radical and
 R⁵ is an organic radical which has from 3 to 20 carbon atoms and is branched in the α position.

Very particular preference is given to organometallic transition metal compounds of the 10 formula (I) according to the above definitions in which
 R⁷, R⁸ together form



in particular



where

15 R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹ and R¹² are identical or different and are each hydrogen, halogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms or two adjacent radicals R⁹, R¹⁰ and/or R¹¹ together with the atoms connecting them form a monocyclic or polycyclic, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms and may also contain heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of the elements Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te, and

A is a substituted silylene group or a substituted or unsubstituted ethylene group, in particular a substituted silylene group.

Illustrative examples of novel organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I), which do not, however, restrict the scope of the invention, are:

5 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6\text{-Me-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6,8\text{-Me}_2\text{-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6\text{-Me-4,8-Ph}_2\text{-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6\text{-Me-4-(4-biphenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(1,1,3,3,6\text{-Me}_5\text{-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,

10 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,2,6\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(3,3,6\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-Ph-1H-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,5,8\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-Ph-1H-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-Ph-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,

15 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-Ph-6,7-dihydro-1H-5,8-dioxacyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,6\text{-Me}_2\text{-4-Ph-5H-1-thia-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,3,6\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-Ph-5H-1-thia-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,

20 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(5\text{-Me-3-Ph-2,4-dihydro-1H-cyclobuta[f]inden-6-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-Ph-1,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydrocyclohepta[f]inden-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6\text{-}(2\text{-(5-methylfuryl)})\text{-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-Ph-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6\text{-Me-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,

25 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6,8\text{-Me}_2\text{-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6\text{-Me-4,8-Ph}_2\text{-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6\text{-Me-4-(4-biphenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(1,1,3,3,6\text{-Me}_5\text{-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,

30 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,2,6\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,

$\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(3,3,6\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-Ph-1H-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,5,8\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-Ph-1H-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-Ph-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-Ph-6,7-dihydro-1H-5,8-dioxacyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,6\text{-Me}_2\text{-4-Ph-5H-1-thia-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,3,6\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-Ph-5H-1-thia-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(5\text{-Me-3-Ph-2,4-dihydro-1H-cyclobuta[f]inden-6-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-Ph-1,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydrocyclohepta[f]inden-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6\text{-Me-4-(4-t-BuPh)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(6,8\text{-Me}_2\text{-4-(4-t-BuPh)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(1,1,3,3,6\text{-Me}_5\text{-4-(4-t-BuPh)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,2,6\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-(4-t-BuPh)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(3,3,6\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-(4-t-BuPh)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-(4-t-BuPh)-1H-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,5,8\text{-Me}_3\text{-4-(4-t-BuPh)-1H-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-(4-t-BuPh)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2\text{-Me-4-(4-t-BuPh)-6,7-dihydro-1H-5,8-dioxacyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,
 $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(2,6\text{-Me}_2\text{-4-(4-t-BuPh)-5H-1-thia-s-indacen-7-yl})(2\text{-}i\text{-Pr-4-(4-t-BuPh)-inden-1-yl})\text{ZrCl}_2$,

Me₂Si(2,3,6-Me₃-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-5*H*-1-thia-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(5-Me-3-(4-*t*-BuPh)-2,4-dihydro-1*H*-cyclobuta[*f*]inden-6-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(2-Me-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-1,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydrocyclohepta[*f*]inden-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(6-Me-4-(2-MePh)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(6,8-Me₂-4-(2-MePh)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(1,1,3,3,6-Me₅-4-(2-MePh)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(2,2,6-Me₃-4-(2-MePh)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(3,3,6-Me₃-4-(2-MePh)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(2-Me-4-(2-MePh)-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(2,5,8-Me₃-4-(2-MePh)-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(2-Me-4-(2-MePh)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(2-Me-4-(2-MePh)-6,7-dihydro-1*H*-5,8-dioxacyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(2,6-Me₂-4-(2-MePh)-5*H*-1-thia-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(2,3,6-Me₃-4-(2-MePh)-5*H*-1-thia-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(5-Me-3-(2-MePh)-2,4-dihydro-1*H*-cyclobuta[*f*]inden-6-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(2-Me-4-(2-MePh)-1,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydrocyclohepta[*f*]inden-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,
Me₂Si(6-Me-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(6,8-Me₂-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(1,1,3,3,6-Me₅-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

5 Me₂Si(2,2,6-Me₃-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(3,3,6-Me₃-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2-Me-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

10 Me₂Si(2,5,8-Me₃-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2-Me-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

15 Me₂Si(2-Me-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-6,7-dihydro-1*H*-5,8-dioxacyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2,6-Me₂-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-5*H*-1-thia-s-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2,3,6-Me₃-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-5*H*-1-thia-s-indacen-7-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

20 Me₂Si(5-Me-3-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-2,4-dihydro-1*H*-cyclobuta[*f*]inden-6-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2-Me-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-1,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydrocyclohepta[*f*]inden-1-yl)(2-*i*-Pr-4-(4-*t*-BuPh)-inden-1-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(6-Me-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-

25 b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(6-Me-4-(2,5-Me₂Ph)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(6,8-Me₂-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-

30 b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(1,1,3,3,6-Me₅-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-

b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2,2,6-Me₃-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(3,3,6-Me₃-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

5 Me₂Si(2-Me-4-Ph-1*H*-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2,5,8-Me₃-4-Ph-1*H*-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2-Me-4-Ph-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-10 cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2-Me-4-Ph-6,7-dihydro-1*H*-5,8-dioxacyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2,6-Me₂-4-Ph-5*H*-1-thia-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

15 Me₂Si(2,3,6-Me₃-4-Ph-5*H*-1-thia-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(5-Me-3-Ph-2,4-dihydro-1*H*-cyclobuta[f]inden-6-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2-Me-4-Ph-1,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydrocyclohepta[f]inden-1-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-3-Ph-2-Me-20 cyclopenta[2,3-b]thiophen-6-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(6-Me-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(6,8-Me₂-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

25 Me₂Si(1,1,3,3,6-Me₅-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2,2,6-Me₃-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(3,3,6-Me₃-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

30 Me₂Si(3,3,6-Me₃-4-Ph-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-b]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2-Me-4-Ph-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-*b*]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2,5,8-Me₃-4-Ph-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-*b*]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

5 Me₂Si(2-Me-4-Ph-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-*b*]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(2-Me-4-Ph-6,7-dihydro-1*H*-5,8-dioxacyclopenta[*b*]naphthalen-1-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-*b*]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

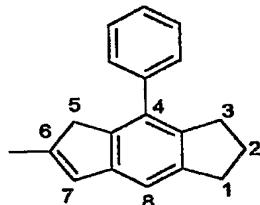
Me₂Si(2,6-Me₂-4-Ph-5*H*-1-thia-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-*b*]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

10 Me₂Si(2,3,6-Me₃-4-Ph-5*H*-1-thia-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-*b*]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

Me₂Si(5-Me-3-Ph-2,4-dihydro-1*H*-cyclobuta[*f*]inden-6-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-*b*]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂,

15 Me₂Si(2-Me-4-Ph-1,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydrocyclohepta[*f*]inden-1-yl)(5-*i*-Pr-1-Ph-2-Me-cyclopenta[2,3-*b*]pyrrol-4-yl)ZrCl₂.

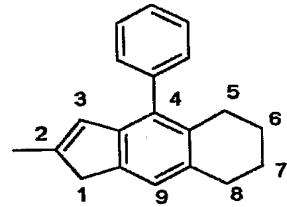
The nomenclature and the numbering of the ring atoms corresponds to the following examples:



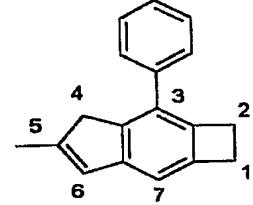
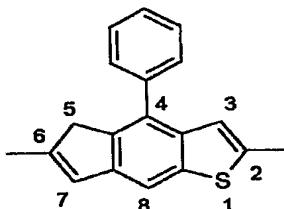
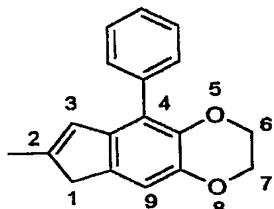
20 6-Methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacene



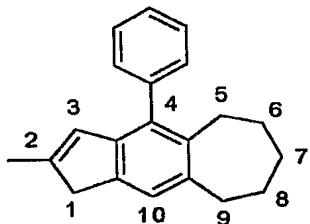
2-Methyl-4-phenyl-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalene



2-Methyl-4-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*b*]naphthalene



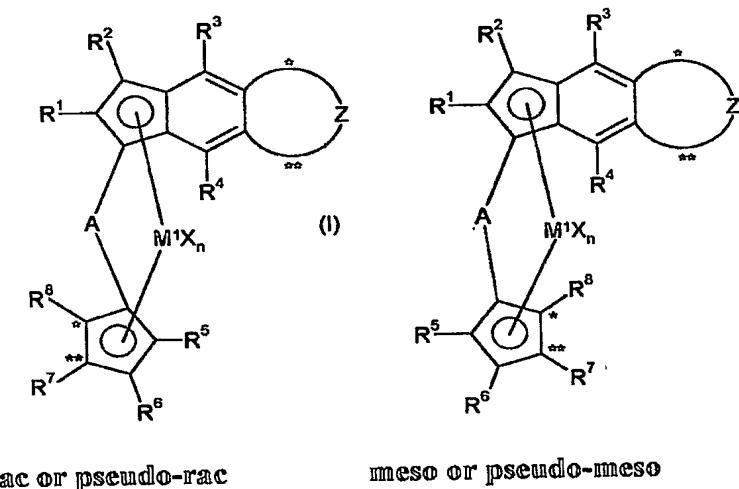
2-Methyl-4-phenyl-6,7-dihydro- 2,6-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-5H- 5-Methyl-3-phenyl-2,4-dihydro-
 1H-5,8-dioxacyclopenta[b] 1-thia-s-indacene 1H-cyclobuta[f]indene
 naphthalene



5 2-Methyl-4-phenyl-1,5,6,7,8,9-
 hexahydrocyclohepta[f]indene

Compared to the previously known metallocenes, the novel organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) give an increase in the previously achievable molar masses in the copolymerization of propylene with ethylene, and at the same time give a satisfactory molar mass and a high melting point of the isotactic polypropylene in the homopolymerization of 10 propylene.

The novel metallocenes of the formula (I) can be prepared by methods as described in WO 01/48034. These methods usually produce the organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) together with a further diastereomer.

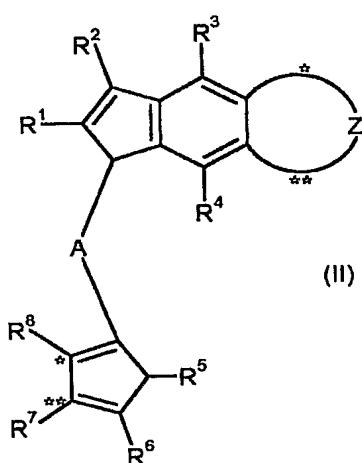


15 The organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) (rac or pseudo-rac) can also be used as a diastereomer mixture with the undesired diastereomers coproduced in their synthesis (meso or pseudo-meso) in the preparation of the catalyst. The organometallic

transition metal compounds of the formula (I) produce highly isotactic polypropylene, while the corresponding undesired diastereomers generally give atactic polypropylene.

The separation of the diastereomers is known in principle.

The invention further provides biscyclopentadienyl ligand systems of the formula (II)



5 or its double bond isomers,

where the variables $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, Z$ and A are as defined for the formula (I).

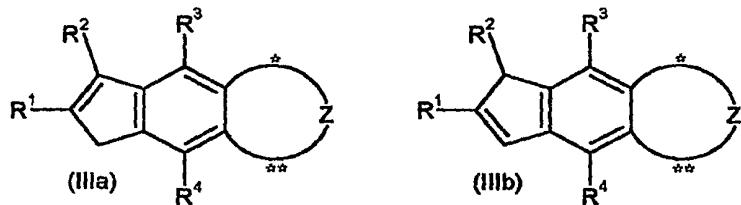
10 The substitution pattern of the biscyclopentadienyl ligand systems of the formula (II) is critical for the particular polymerization properties of the organometallic transition metal compounds containing these biscyclopentadienyl ligand systems.

The invention further provides for the use of a biscyclopentadienyl ligand system of the formula (II) for preparing an organometallic transition metal compound, preferably for preparing an organometallic transition metal compound of an element of group 4 of the Periodic Table of the Elements, in particular zirconium.

15 Thus, a process for preparing an organometallic transition metal compound which comprises reacting a biscyclopentadienyl ligand system of the formula (II) or a bisanion prepared therefrom with a transition metal compound is also subject matter of the present invention. It is usual firstly to doubly deprotonate a ligand system of the formula (II) using a base such as n-butyllithium and subsequently to react the resulting bisanion with a suitable transition metal 20 source such as zirconium tetrachloride. As an alternative, the uncharged biscyclopentadienyl

ligand system of the formula (II) can be reacted directly with a suitable transition metal source which has strongly basic ligands, for example tetrakis(dimethylamino)zirconium.

The invention further provides indenes of the formula (IIIa) or their double bond isomers of the formula (IIIb)



5 where

R^3 is halogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, in particular an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, preferably a substituted or unsubstituted C_6 - C_{40} -aryl radical or C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S and P, in particular N and S,

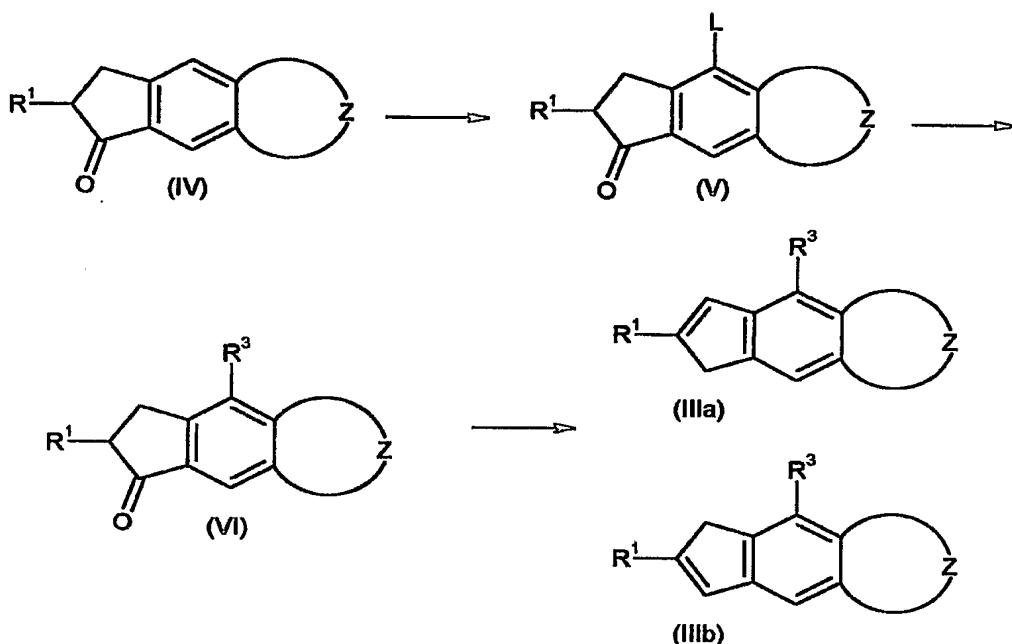
10

and

the variables R^1 , R^2 , R^4 and Z are as defined for the formula (I).

The steric interaction of the radical R^5 of the one cyclopentadienyl ligand with the divalent group Z of the second cyclopentadienyl ligand is of particular importance for the 15 polymerization properties of the organometallic transition metal compound of the formula (I)

Preferred indenes of the formula (IIIa) or (IIIb) can be prepared from known or readily obtainable precursors. Preference is given to a process in which an indanone of the formula (IV) is converted into an indanone of the formula (V) bearing a leaving group L, where L is preferably a halogen, in particular bromine. The leaving group L is subsequently, as described, 20 for example, in WO 98/40331, replaced by the radical R^3 and the resulting indanone (VI) is reduced to form the indanol which is subsequently dehydrated to give the indene of the formula (IIIa) or (IIIb).



As an alternative, the indanone of the formula (V) can firstly be reacted to form an indene in which the leaving group L is subsequently replaced by a radical R³ using a method analogous to that described in US 5,789,634.

The novel organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) act, particularly
5 in the presence of suitable cocatalysts, as highly active catalyst constituents for the polymerization of olefins.

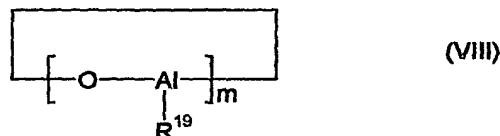
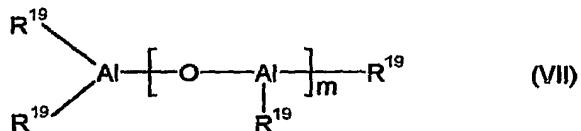
The cocatalyst which together with the novel organometallic transition metal compound of the formula (I) forms a polymerization-active catalyst system is able to convert the organometallic transition metal compound into a species which is polymerization-active toward
10 at least one olefin. The cocatalyst is therefore sometimes also referred to as activating compound. The polymerization-active transition metal species is frequently a cationic species. In this case, the cocatalyst is frequently also referred to as cation-forming compound.

The present invention therefore further provides a catalyst system for the polymerization of olefins, which comprises at least one organometallic transition metal compound of the
15 formula (I) and at least one cocatalyst which is able to convert the organometallic transition metal compound into a species which is polymerization-active toward at least one olefin.

Suitable cocatalysts or cation-forming compounds are, for example, compounds such as aluminoxanes, strong uncharged Lewis acids, ionic compounds having a Lewis-acid cation or anionic compounds containing Brönsted acids as cations. Preference is given to an aluminoxane as cocatalyst.

5 In the case of metallocene complexes as organometallic transition metal compounds, the cocatalysts are frequently also referred to as compounds capable of forming metallocenium ions.

As aluminoxanes, it is possible to use, for example, the compounds described in WO 00/31090. Open-chain or cyclic aluminoxane compounds of the formula (VII) or (VIII)



where

10 R^{19} is a C₁-C₄-alkyl group, preferably a methyl or ethyl group, and m is an integer from 5 to 30, preferably from 10 to 25,

are particularly useful.

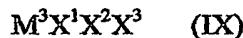
15 These oligomeric aluminoxane compounds are usually prepared by reacting a solution of trialkylaluminum with water. In general, the oligomeric aluminoxane compounds obtained in this way are in the form of mixtures of both linear and cyclic chain molecules of various lengths, so that m may be regarded as a mean. The aluminoxane compounds can also be present in a mixture with other metal alkyls, preferably aluminum alkyls.

20 Furthermore, modified aluminoxanes in which some of the hydrocarbon radicals or hydrogen atoms have been replaced by alkoxy, aryloxy, siloxy or amide groups can also be used in place of the aluminoxane compounds of the formula (VII) or (VIII).

It has been found to be advantageous to use the novel organometallic transition metal

compound of the formula (I) and the aluminoxane compounds in such amounts that the atomic ratio of aluminum from the aluminoxane compounds to the transition metal from the organometallic transition metal compound is in the range from 10:1 to 1 000:1, preferably in the range from 20:1 to 500:1 and in particular in the range from 30:1 to 400:1.

5 As strong, uncharged Lewis acids, preference is given to compounds of the formula (IX)



where

M^3 is an element of group 13 of the Periodic Table of the Elements, in particular B, Al or Ga, preferably B,

10 X^1 , X^2 and X^3 are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_6 - C_{15} -aryl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, haloalkyl or haloaryl each having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl radical and from 6 to 20 carbon atoms in the aryl radical or fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine, in particular haloaryl, preferably pentafluorophenyl.

Further examples of strong, uncharged Lewis acids are given in WO 00/31090.

15 Particular preference is given to compounds of the formula (IX) in which X^1 , X^2 and X^3 are identical, preferably tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane.

Strong uncharged Lewis acids which are suitable as cocatalysts or cation-forming compounds also include the reaction products from the reaction of a boronic acid with two equivalents of a trialkylaluminum or the reaction products from the reaction of a 20 trialkylaluminum with two equivalents of an acidic fluorinated, in particular perfluorinated, hydrocarbon compound such as pentafluorophenol or bis(pentafluorophenyl)borinic acid.

Suitable ionic compounds having Lewis-acid cations include salt-like compounds of the cation of the formula (X)



25 where

Y is an element of groups 1 to 16 of the Periodic Table of the Elements,

Q^1 to Q^z are each singly negatively charged groups such as the C_1 - C_{28} -alkyl, C_6 - C_{15} -aryl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, haloalkyl, haloaryl each having from 6 to 20 carbon atoms in the aryl radical and from 1 to 28 carbon atoms in the alkyl radical, C_3 - C_{10} -cycloalkyl which may bear C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl groups as substituents, halogen, C_1 - C_{28} -alkoxy, C_6 - C_{15} -aryloxy, silyl or mercaptyl groups,

- a is an integer from 1 to 6 and
- z is an integer from 0 to 5, and
- d corresponds to the difference a - z, but d is greater than or equal to 1.

Particularly useful cations are carbonium cations, oxonium cations and sulfonium cations and also cationic transition metal complexes. Particular mention may be made of the 5 triphenylmethyl cation, the silver cation and the 1,1'-dimethylferrocenyl cation. They preferably have noncoordinating counterions, in particular boron compounds as are also mentioned in WO 91/09882, preferably tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate.

Salts having noncoordinating anions can also be prepared by mixing a boron or 10 aluminum compound, e.g. an aluminum alkyl, with a second compound which can react to link two or more boron or aluminum atoms, e.g. water, and a third compound which forms an ionizing ionic compound with the boron or aluminum compound, e.g. triphenylchloromethane. In addition, a fourth compound which likewise reacts with the boron or aluminum compound, e.g. pentafluorophenol, can be added.

15 Ionic compounds containing Brönsted acids as cations likewise preferably have noncoordinating counterions. As Brönsted acids, particular preference is given to protonated amine or aniline derivatives. Preferred cations are N,N-dimethylanilinium, N,N-dimethylcyclohexylammonium and N,N-dimethylbenzylammonium and also derivatives of the latter two.

20 Preferred ionic compounds as cocatalysts or cation-forming compounds are, in particular, N,N-dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, N,N-dimethylcyclohexylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate and N,N-dimethylbenzylammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate.

25 It is also possible for two or more borate anions to be joined to one another, as in the dianion $[(C_6F_5)_2B-C_6F_4-B(C_6F_5)_2]^{2-}$, or the borate anion can be bound via a bridge having a suitable functional group to the surface of a support particle.

Further suitable cocatalysts or cation-forming compounds are listed in WO 00/31090.

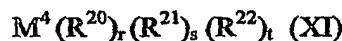
30 The amount of strong, uncharged Lewis acids, ionic compounds having Lewis-acid cations or ionic compounds containing Brönsted acids as cations is usually from 0.1 to 20 equivalents, preferably from 1 to 10 equivalents, based on the novel organometallic transitional metal compound of the formula (I).

Further suitable cocatalysts or cation-forming compounds are boron-aluminum compounds such as di[bis(pentafluorophenylbороxy)]methylalane. Such boron-aluminum compounds are disclosed, for example, in WO 99/06414.

It is also possible to use mixtures of all the abovementioned cocatalysts or cation-forming compounds. Preferred mixtures comprise aluminoxanes, in particular methylaluminoxane, and an ionic compound, in particular one containing the tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate anion, and/or a strong uncharged Lewis acid, in particular tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane.

Preference is given to using both the novel organometallic transition metal compound of the formula (I) and the cocatalysts or cation-forming compounds in a solvent, in which case aromatic hydrocarbons having from 6 to 20 carbon atoms, in particular xylenes and toluene, are preferred.

The catalyst can further comprise a metal compound of the formula (XI),



Where

15 M^4 is an alkali metal, an alkaline earth metal or a metal of group 13 of the Periodic Table, i.e. boron, aluminum, gallium, indium or thallium,

10 R^{20} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_6 - C_{15} -aryl, alkylaryl or arylalkyl each having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and from 6 to 20 carbon atoms in the aryl part,

20 R^{21} and R^{22} are identical or different and are each hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_6 - C_{15} -aryl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl or alkoxy each having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl radical and from 6 to 20 carbon atoms in the aryl radical,

25 r is an integer from 1 to 3,

and

25 s and t are integers from 0 to 2, with the sum $r+s+t$ corresponding to the valence of M^4 , where the metal compound of the formula (XI) is usually not identical to the cocatalyst or the cation-forming compound. It is also possible to use mixtures of various metal compounds of the formula (XI).

30 Among the metal compounds of the formula (XI), preference is given to those in which

M^4 is lithium, magnesium or aluminum and

R^{21} and R^{22} are each C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl.

Particularly preferred metal compounds of the formula (XI) are n-butyllithium, n-butyl-n-octylmagnesium, n-butyl-n-heptylmagnesium, tri-n-hexylaluminum, triisobutylaluminum, triethylaluminum and trimethylaluminum and mixtures thereof.

When a metal compound of the formula (XI) is used, it is preferably present in the 5 catalyst in such an amount that the molar ratio of M^4 from formula (XI) to transition metal M^1 from the novel organometallic transition metal compound of the formula (I) is from 800:1 to 1:1, in particular from 200:1 to 2:1.

Particular preference is given to a catalyst system comprising a novel organometallic 10 transition metal compound of the formula (I) and at least one cocatalyst and additionally a support.

To obtain such a supported catalyst system, the unsupported catalyst system can be reacted with a support. In principle, the order in which the support, the organometallic transition metal compound according to the present invention and the cocatalyst are combined is immaterial. The organometallic transition metal compound and the cocatalyst can be 15 immobilized independently of one another or simultaneously. After the individual process steps, the solid can be washed with suitable inert solvents, e.g. aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbons.

As supports, preference is given to using finely divided supports which can be any organic or inorganic, inert solids. In particular, the support can be a porous solid such as talc, a sheet silicate, an inorganic oxide or a finely divided polymer powder (e.g. polyolefin).

20 Suitable inorganic oxides may be found among the oxides of elements of groups 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Periodic Table of the Elements. Examples of oxides preferred as supports include silicon dioxide, aluminum oxide, and also mixed oxides of the elements calcium, aluminum, silicon, magnesium or titanium and also corresponding oxide mixtures. Other inorganic oxides which can be used alone or in combination with the abovementioned 25 preferred oxidic supports are, for example, MgO , ZrO_2 , TiO_2 or B_2O_3 . A preferred mixed oxide is, for example, calcined hydrotalcite.

The support materials used preferably have a specific surface area in the range from 10 to 30 1 000 m^2/g , a pore volume in the range from 0.1 to 5 ml/g and a mean particle size of from 1 to 500 μm . Preference is given to supports having a specific surface area in the range from 50 to 500 m^2/g , a pore volume in the range from 0.5 to 3.5 ml/g and a mean particle size in the range from 5 to 350 μm . Particular preference is given to supports having a specific surface area in the

range from 200 to 400 m²/g, a pore volume in the range from 0.8 to 3.0 ml/g and a mean particle size of from 10 to 100 µm.

The inorganic support can be subjected to a thermal treatment, e.g. to remove adsorbed water. Such a drying treatment is generally carried out at from 80 to 300°C, preferably from 100 to 200°C, with drying at from 100 to 200°C preferably being carried out under reduced pressure and/or a blanket of inert gas (e.g. nitrogen), or the inorganic support can be calcined at from 200 to 1 000°C to produce the desired structure of the solid and/or set the desired OH concentration on the surface. The support can also be treated chemically using customary desiccants such as metal alkyls, preferably aluminum alkyls, chlorosilanes or SiCl₄, or else methylaluminoxane.

10 Appropriate treatment methods are described, for example, in WO 00/31090.

The inorganic support material can also be chemically modified. For example, treatment of silica gel with (NH₄)₂SiF₆ leads to fluorination of the silica gel surface, or treatment of silica gels with silanes containing nitrogen-, fluorine- or sulfur-containing groups leads to correspondingly modified silica gel surfaces.

15 Organic support materials such as finely divided polyolefin powders (e.g. polyethylene, polypropylene or polystyrene) can also be used and are preferably likewise freed of adhering moisture, solvent residues or other impurities by means of appropriate purification and drying operations before use. It is also possible to use functionalized polymer supports, e.g. supports based on polystyrene, via whose functional groups, for example ammonium or hydroxy groups, 20 at least one of the catalyst components can be immobilized.

In a preferred embodiment of the preparation of the supported catalyst system, at least one of the novel organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) is brought into contact in a suitable solvent with at least one cocatalyst as activating or cation-forming compound, giving a soluble or insoluble, preferably soluble, reaction product, an adduct or a 25 mixture.

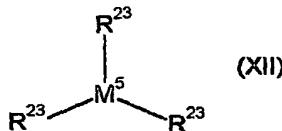
The preparation obtained in this way is then mixed with the dehydrated or passivated support material, the solvent is removed and the resulting supported organometallic transition metal catalyst system is dried to ensure that the solvent is completely or mostly removed from the pores of the support material. The supported catalyst is usually obtained as a free-flowing 30 powder. Examples of the industrial implementation of the above process are described in WO 96/00243, WO 98/40419 or WO 00/05277.

A further preferred embodiment comprises firstly immobilizing the cocatalyst or the cation-forming compound on the support material and subsequently bringing this supported cocatalyst or this cation-forming compound into contact with the organometallic transition metal compound according to the present invention.

5 Cocatalyst systems of significance therefore likewise include combinations which are obtained by combining the following components:

1st component: at least one defined boron or aluminum compound,
 2nd component: at least one uncharged compound which has at least one acidic hydrogen atom,
 10 3rd component: at least one support, preferably an inorganic oxidic support and optionally as 4th component a base, preferably an organic nitrogen-containing base such as an amine, an aniline derivative or a nitrogen heterocycle.

The boron or aluminum compounds used in the preparation of the supported cocatalysts
 15 are preferably compounds of the formula (XII)



where

the radicals R^{23} are identical or different and are each hydrogen, halogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-haloalkyl}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}\text{-alkoxy}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-aryl}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-haloaryl}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-aryloxy}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-arylalkyl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-haloarylalkyl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-alkylaryl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-haloalkylaryl}$ or an $\text{OSiR}^{24}3$ group, where

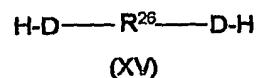
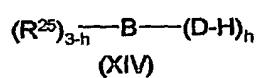
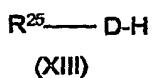
20 the radicals R^{24} are identical or different and are each hydrogen, halogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-halonalkyl}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}\text{-alkoxy}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-aryl}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-haloaryl}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-aryloxy}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-arylalkyl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-haloarylalkyl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-alkylaryl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-haloalkylaryl}$, preferably hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8\text{-alkyl}$ or $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{20}\text{-arylalkyl}$, and

M^5 is boron or aluminum, preferably aluminum.

25 Particularly preferred compounds of the formula (XII) are trimethylaluminum, triethylaluminum and triisobutylaluminum.

The uncharged compounds which have at least one acidic hydrogen atom and can react

with compounds of the formula (XII) are preferably compounds of the formula (XIII), (XIV) or (XV),



where

the radicals R^{25} are identical or different and are each hydrogen, halogen, a boron-free organic

5 radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, e.g. $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-haloalkyl}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}\text{-alkoxy}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-aryl}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-haloaryl}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-aryloxy}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-arylalkyl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-haloarylalkyl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-alkylaryl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-haloalkylaryl}$, an $\text{Si}(\text{R}^{27})_3$ radical or a $\text{CH}(\text{SiR}^{27})_2$ radical, where

10 R^{27} is a boron-free organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, e.g. $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-haloalkyl}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}\text{-alkoxy}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-aryl}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-haloaryl}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-aryloxy}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-arylalkyl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-haloarylalkyl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-alkylaryl}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-haloalkylaryl}$, and

15 R^{26} is a divalent organic group having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, e.g. $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-alkylene}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-haloalkylene}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-arylene}$, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-haloarylene}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-arylalkylene}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-haloarylalkylene}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-alkylarylene}$, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{40}\text{-haloalkylarylene}$,

20 15 D is an element of group 16 of the Periodic Table of the Elements or an NR^{28} group, where R^{28} is hydrogen or a $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-hydrocarbon radical}$ such as $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{20}\text{-alkyl}$ or $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{20}\text{-aryl}$, or is preferably oxygen, and

h is 1 or 2.

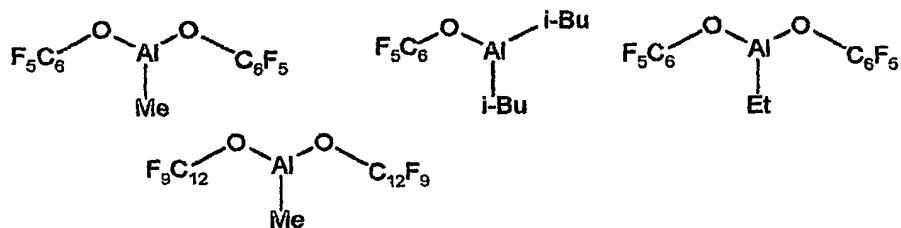
25 Suitable compounds of the formula (XIII) include water, alcohols, phenol derivatives, thiophenol derivatives or aniline derivatives, with halogenated and especially perfluorinated alcohols and phenols being of particular importance. Examples of particularly useful compounds are pentafluorophenol, 1,1-bis(pentafluorophenyl)methanol and 4-hydroxy-2,2',3,3',4',5,5',6,6'-nonafluorobiphenyl.

Suitable compounds of the formula (XIV) include boronic acids and borinic acids, in particular borinic acids bearing perfluorinated aryl radicals, for example $(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{BOH}$.

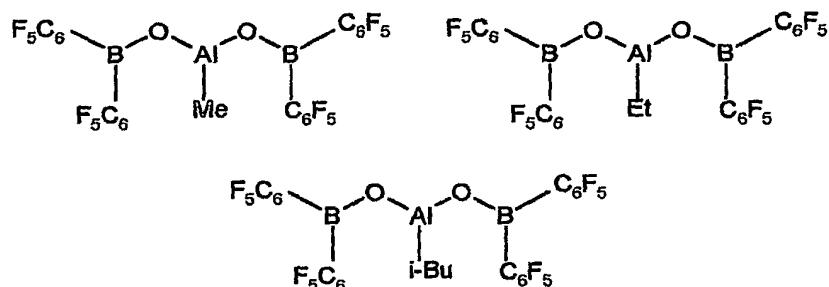
Suitable compounds of the formula (XV) are dihydroxy compounds in which the divalent carbon-containing group is preferably halogenated, in particular perfluorinated. An example of such a compound is 4,4'-dihydroxy-2,2',3,3',5,5',6,6'-octafluorobiphenyl hydrate.

Examples of combinations of compounds of the formula (XII) with compounds of the formula (XIII) or (XV) are trimethylaluminum/pentafluorophenol, trimethylaluminum/1-bis(pentafluorophenyl)methanol, trimethylaluminum/4-hydroxy-2,2',3,3',4',5,5',6,6'-nonafluorobiphenyl, triethylaluminum/pentafluorophenol,

5 triisobutylaluminum/pentafluorophenol and triethylaluminum/4,4'-dihydroxy-2,2',3,3',5,5',6,6'-octafluorobiphenyl hydrate, giving, for example, reaction products of the following type.



Examples of reaction products from the reaction of at least one compound of the formula (XII) with at least one compound of the formula (XIV) are:



In principle, the components can be combined in any way.

10 If desired, the reaction products from the reaction of at least one compound of the formula (XII) with at least one compound of the formula (XIII), (XIV) or (XV) and optionally the organic nitrogen base are additionally combined with an organometallic compound of the formula (VII), (VIII), (IX) and/or (XI) to form, together with the support, the supported cocatalyst system.

15 In a preferred variant, the 1st component, e.g. compounds of the formula (XII), and the 2nd component, e.g. compounds of the formula (XIII), (XIV) or (XV), are mixed, a support as

3rd component and a base as 4th component are mixed separately and the two mixtures are subsequently reacted with one another, with the reaction preferably taking place in an inert solvent or suspension medium. The supported cocatalyst formed can be freed of the inert solvent or suspension medium before it is reacted with the novel organometallic transition metal

5 compound of the formula (I) and, if desired, a metal compound of the formula (XI) to give the catalyst system.

It is likewise possible firstly to prepolymerize the catalyst solid with α -olefins, preferably linear C₂-C₁₀-1-alkenes and in particular ethylene or propylene, and then to use the resulting prepolymerized catalyst solid in the actual polymerization. The mass ratio of catalyst solid used
10 in the prepolymerization to monomer polymerized onto it is usually in the range from 1:0.1 to 1:200.

Furthermore, a small amount of an olefin, preferably an α -olefin, for example vinylcyclohexane, styrene or phenyldimethylvinylsilane, as modifying component, an antistatic or a suitable inert compound such as a wax or oil can be added as additive during or after the
15 preparation of the supported catalyst system. The molar ratio of additives to organometallic transition metal compound according to the present invention is usually from 1:1 000 to 1 000:1, preferably from 1:5 to 20:1.

The novel organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) or the catalyst systems in which they are present are suitable for the polymerization or copolymerization of
20 olefins.

The present invention therefore also provides a process for preparing polyolefins by polymerization or copolymerization of at least one olefin in the presence of a catalyst system comprising at least one of the novel organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I).

25 In general, the catalyst system is used together with a further metal compound of the formula (XI), which can be different from the metal compound or compounds of the formula (XI) used in the preparation of the catalyst system, for the polymerization or copolymerization of olefins. The further metal compound is generally added to the monomer or the suspension medium and serves to purify the monomer of substances which can adversely affect the catalyst
30 activity. It is also possible to add one or more further cocatalytic or cation-forming compounds to the catalyst system in the polymerization process.

The olefins can be functionalized, olefinically unsaturated compounds such as ester or amide derivatives of acrylic or methacrylic acid, for example acrylates, methacrylates or acrylonitrile, or nonpolar olefinic compounds including aryl-substituted α -olefins.

Preference is given to polymerizing olefins of the formula $R^m-CH=CH-R^n$, where R^m and 5 R^n are identical or different and are each hydrogen or an organic radical, in particular a hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, in particular from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or R^m and R^n together with the atoms connecting them can form one or more rings.

Examples of such olefins are 1-olefins having from 2 to 40, preferably from 2 to 10, 10 carbon atoms, e.g. ethene, propene, 1-butene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene, 1-heptene, 1-octene, 1-decene or 4-methyl-1-pentene, or unsubstituted or substituted vinylaromatic compounds such as styrene and styrene derivatives or dienes such as 1,3-butadiene, 1,4-hexadiene, 1,7-octadiene, 5-ethylidene-2-norbornene, norbornadiene, ethylnorbornadiene or cyclic olefins such as norbornene, tetracyclododecene or methylnorbornene. Preference is given to ethene, propene, 1-butene, 1-hexene or 4-methyl-1-pentene.

15 The catalyst system of the present invention is particularly preferably used to homopolymerize propene or ethene or copolymerize ethene with C_3-C_8 - α -olefins such as propene, 1-butene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene and/or 1-octene and/or cyclic olefins such as norbornene and/or dienes having from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, e.g. 1,4-hexadiene, norbornadiene, 20 ethylenenorbornene or ethylnorbornadiene, or most preferably to copolymerize propene with ethene and/or 1-butene. Examples of such copolymers are propene-ethene, propene-1-butene, ethene-1-hexene, ethene-1-octene copolymers and ethene-propene-ethylenenorbornene or ethene-propene-1,4-hexadiene terpolymers.

The polymerization can be carried out in a known manner in bulk, in suspension, in the 25 gas phase or in a supercritical medium in the customary reactors used for the polymerization of olefins. It can be carried out batchwise or preferably continuously in one or more stages. Solution processes, suspension processes, stirred gas-phase processes or gas-phase fluidized-bed processes are all possible. As solvent or suspension medium, it is possible to use inert hydrocarbons, for example isobutane, or else the monomers themselves.

30 The polymerization can be carried out at from -60 to 300°C and pressures in the range from 0.5 to 3 000 bar. Preference is given to temperatures in the range from 50 to 200°C, in particular from 60 to 100°C, and pressures in the range from 5 to 100 bar, in particular from 15

to 70 bar. The mean residence times are usually from 0.5 to 5 hours, preferably from 0.5 to 3 hours. As molar mass regulator and/or to increase the activity, hydrogen can be used in the polymerization. Furthermore, customary additives such as antistatics can also be used. For the polymerization, the catalyst system of the present invention can be used directly, i.e. it is

5 introduced in pure form into the polymerization system, or it is admixed with inert components such as paraffins, oils or waxes to improve meterability.

The novel organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I) or the catalyst systems in which they are present are very particularly useful for preparing polypropylene/propene-ethene copolymer mixtures.

10 The invention therefore further provides a process for preparing polypropylene/propene-ethene copolymer mixtures in the presence of a catalyst system as described above.

The polymers (hereinafter also (co)polymers) prepared using the catalyst system of the present invention display a uniform particle morphology and contain no fines. No deposits or cake material occur in the polymerization using the catalyst system of the present invention.

15 The (co)polymers obtainable using the catalyst system of the present invention include both homopolymers and random copolymers of propene. Their molar mass M_w (measured by gel permeation chromatography) is in the range from 100 000 to 1 000 000 g/mol and their M_w/M_n (measured by gel permeation chromatography) is in the range from 1.8 to 4.0, preferably from 1.8 to 3.5. Random copolymers of propene contain subordinate amounts of monomers which 20 can be copolymerized with propene, for example C_2 - C_8 -alk-1-enes such as ethene, 1-butene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene or 4-methyl-1-pentene. It is also possible to use two or more different comonomers, which then gives, for example, random terpolymers.

25 The catalyst system of the present invention is particularly useful for preparing homopolymers of propene or copolymers of propene with up to 50% by weight of other copolymerized 1-alkenes having up to 8 carbon atoms. The copolymers of propene are random copolymers or block or high-impact copolymers. If the copolymers of propene have a random structure, they generally contain up to 50% by weight, preferably up to 15% by weight, particularly preferably up to 5% by weight, of other 1-alkenes having up to 8 carbon atoms, in particular ethene, 1-butene, 4-methyl-1-pentene or a mixture of ethene and 1-butene, ethene and 30 1-hexene or ethene and 4-methyl-1-pentene.

The copolymers prepared using the catalyst system of the present invention may also be

block or high-impact copolymers of propene which are obtained by, in the first stage, preparing a propylene homopolymer or a random copolymer of propene with from 0.001 to 15% by weight, preferably from 0.01 to 6% by weight, of other 1-alkenes having up to 8 carbon atoms (e.g. ethene, 1-butene, 1-hexene, 1-octene, 4-methyl-1-pentene) and then, in the second stage,
5 polymerizing a propene-ethene copolymer which has an ethene content of from 15 to 80% by weight and, if desired, further C₄-C₈-alk-1-enes (e.g. 1-butene, 1-hexene, 1-octene, 4-methyl-1-pentene) onto this. In general, the amount of propene-ethene copolymer (which may comprise 1-butene, 1-hexene, 1-octene, 4-methyl-1-pentene as further monomers) polymerized on is such that the copolymer produced in the second stage makes up from 3 to 60% by weight of the end
10 product.

The propylene homopolymers and copolymers prepared using the catalyst system of the present invention have a content of meso-configured diads (measured by means of ¹³C-NMR spectroscopy, see examples) of at least 90%, preferably at least 95% and particularly preferably at least 97%.

15 Random copolymers which have been produced using single-site catalysts (e.g. metallocene catalysts) have a number of particular properties compared to, for example, copolymers produced by means of Ziegler-Natta catalysts and having a comparable comonomer content.

20 Thus, copolymers produced by means of single-site catalysts have a comonomer distribution which is uniform over their molar mass spectrum. Such a distribution can be determined, for example, by means of a coupled GPC-IR measurement.
In copolymers produced by means of single-site catalysts, the comonomers are randomly distributed, while in the case of copolymers produced by means of Ziegler-Natta catalysts, the comonomer tends to be incorporated in blocks even at low comonomer
25 contents. The comonomer content fluctuates only to a small extent if the fractions comprise a sufficiently large proportion (at least 10%) of the total polymer. In the case of the copolymers prepared using catalyst systems according to the present invention, the comonomer content fluctuates by a maximum of 10%, preferably a maximum of 5%, particularly preferably a maximum of 1.5%, between the fractions representing a sufficiently large proportion.
30

Copolymers produced by means of single-site catalysts have a narrow molar mass

distribution ex reactor (in general, M_w/M_n is ≤ 3.0). Copolymers produced by means of Ziegler-Natta catalysts have broader molar mass distributions ex reactor.

Furthermore, copolymers produced by means of single-site catalysts have a low proportion of soluble material. When 10 mol% of ethene has been incorporated, the 5 proportion of ether-soluble material is less than 5% by weight.

In addition, a combination of the abovementioned features leads to the polymers (homopolymers and copolymers) prepared using the catalyst system of the present invention being eluted within a narrow temperature range in a TREF. In the case of the homopolymers and random copolymers prepared using the catalyst system of the present invention, from 80 to 100% 10 by weight is eluted within a temperature range extending from 15°C below to 15°C above the temperature at which maximum elution occurs ("peak temperature"). The range preferably extends from 15°C below to 10°C above the peak temperature and particularly preferably from 10°C below to 10°C above the peak temperature.

The polymers (homopolymers and copolymers) prepared using the catalyst system of the 15 present invention are suitable for producing hard and stiff shaped bodies, fibers, filaments, injection-molded parts, films, plates or large hollow bodies (e.g. pipes) having a high tensile strength. The shaped parts display, in particular, a high toughness, even at temperatures below 20°C, combined with a high stiffness.

Shaped bodies (e.g. injection-molded articles) comprising the block or high-impact 20 copolymers prepared using the catalyst system of the present invention are generally produced by the customary injection-molding processes known to those skilled in the art and have a novel property combination of stiffness, toughness and transparency and also display little stress whitening.

The modulus of elasticity, as a measure of the stiffness of the copolymers prepared using 25 the catalyst system of the present invention, measured in a tensile test in accordance with ISO 527 is generally in the range from 500 to 6 000 MPa, preferably in the range from 800 to 2 000 MPa, very particularly preferably in the range from 900 to 1 400 MPa.

The Charpy impact toughness, as a measure of the toughness of the copolymers prepared 30 using the catalyst system of the present invention, measured in accordance with ISO 179-2/1eU, is $>200 \text{ kJ/m}^2$ at 23°C and $>200 \text{ kJ/m}^2$ at -20°C. Preference is given to no fracture of the test specimen being recorded at 23°C.

The haze, as complementary value to the transparency (% transparency + % haze = 100%), determined in accordance with ASTM D 1003 of the copolymers prepared using the catalyst system of the present invention is preferably less than 40%, particularly preferably less than 30%.

5 The injection-molded articles produced from the above-described polymers generally contain customary additives known to those skilled in the art, e.g. stabilizers, lubricants and mold release agents, fillers, nucleating agents, antistatics, plasticizers, dyes, pigments or flame retardants, in customary amounts. In general, these are incorporated during granulation of the product obtained in powder form in the polymerization.

10 Customary stabilizers include antioxidants such as sterically hindered phenols, processing stabilizers such as phosphites or phosphonites, acid scavengers such as calcium stearate or zinc stearate or dihydrotalcite, sterically hindered amines or UV stabilizers. In general, the propylene copolymer compositions according to the present invention contain one or more of the stabilizers in amounts of up to 2% by weight.

15 Suitable lubricants and mold release agents are, for example, fatty acids, calcium or zinc salts of fatty acids, fatty acid amides or low molecular weight polyolefin waxes, which are usually used in concentrations of up to 2% by weight.

Possible fillers are, for example, talc, chalk or glass fibers which can usually be used in amounts of up to 50% by weight.

20 Suitable nucleating agents are, for example, inorganic additives such as talc, silica or kaolin, salts of monocarboxylic or polycarboxylic acids, e.g. sodium benzoate or aluminum tert-butylbenzoate, dibenzylidenesorbitol or its C₁-C₈-alkyl-substituted derivatives such as methyl-, ethyl- or dimethylbibenzylidenesorbitol, or salts of diesters of phosphoric acid, e.g. sodium 2,2'-methylenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl)phosphate. The nucleating agent content of the propylene polymer composition is generally up to 5% by weight.

Such additives are generally commercially available and are described, for example, in Gächter/Müller, Plastics Additives Handbook, 4th Edition, Hansa Publishers, Munich, 1993.

The invention is illustrated by the following nonlimiting examples:

Examples

30 General

The letter "c" at the beginning of an experiment number or designation of a substance

denotes experiments or substances which are not according to the present invention and have been included for comparative purposes.

Preparation of the catalyst:

0.206 mmol of a metallocene dichloride were added at room temperature to 4.33 mmol of 5 MAO (30% strength solution in toluene, from Albemarle). The solution was allowed to stand overnight at room temperature and was subsequently diluted with 10.9 ml of toluene. The diluted solution was carefully added to 10 g of silica (Sylropol 948, calcined at 600°C, from Grace). Particular attention was paid to the colored solution being uniformly distributed over the support material. After 10 minutes, the flask containing the catalyst suspension was connected to 10 a vacuum line and dried until the content of volatile material had been reduced to less than 5% by weight.

Polymerizations:

Homopolymerizations were carried out in a 10 l reactor charged with 3.5 kg of liquid propene. The reactor was made inert by means of nitrogen before being charged. 8 ml of a 20% 15 strength by weight solution of triethylaluminum in Exxsol (from Witco) were introduced into the reactor and the mixture was stirred at 30°C for 15 minutes. If hydrogen was added, its concentration was set to 0.5 standard liters per liter of liquid propylene. A suspension of the respective catalyst in 20 ml of Exxsol was introduced into the reactor. The reactor temperature was increased to 65°C and maintained at this temperature for 60 minutes. The polymerizations 20 were stopped by venting the reactor. The polymers were dried overnight under reduced pressure before being analyzed.

Copolymerizations were carried out in a 10 l reactor charged with 3.5 kg of liquid propylene. A 20% by weight solution of triethylaluminum in Exxsol (from Witco) was introduced into the reactor and the mixture was stirred at 30°C for 15 minutes. A suspension of 25 the respective catalyst in 20 ml of Exxsol was introduced into the reactor. Ethylene was introduced into the reactor (total of 160 g). The reactor temperature was increased to 65°C and maintained at this temperature for 60 minutes. The pressure in the reactor was maintained at 32 bar by continuous addition of ethylene (about 47 g of further ethylene introduced). The polymerizations were stopped by venting the reactor. The polymers were dried overnight under 30 reduced pressure before being analyzed.

General procedures for the handling and synthesis of air- and moisture-sensitive

substances:

The synthesis and handling of the organometallic compounds and the catalysts was carried out with exclusion of air and moisture under argon (glove box and Schlenk techniques). All solvents used were purged with argon and dried over molecular sieves before use.

5 Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether and toluene were dried over sodium/benzophenone, pentane was dried over sodium/benzophenone/triglyme and dichloromethane was dried over calcium hydride by refluxing for a number of hours, and the solvents were subsequently distilled off and stored over 4A molecular sieves.

10 Anhydrous aluminum trichloride, indane (95% pure) and 2-bromoisobutyryl bromide (98% pure) were procured from Aldrich Chemical Company.

Mass spectra were measured using a Hewlett Packard series 6890 instrument which was equipped with a series 5973 mass analyzer (EI, 70 eV).

15 NMR spectra of organic and organometallic compounds were recorded on a Varian Unity-300 NMR spectrometer at room temperature. The chemical shifts are reported relative to SiMe₄.

Determination of the melting point:

The melting point T_m was determined by means of a DSC measurement in accordance with ISO Standard 3146 in a first heating phase at a heating rate of 20°C per minute to 200°C, a dynamic crystallization at a cooling rate of 20°C per minute down to 25°C and a second heating 20 phase at a heating rate of 20°C per minute back to 200°C. The melting point was then the temperature at which the curve of enthalpy versus temperature measured in the second heating phase displayed a maximum.

Gel permeation chromatography:

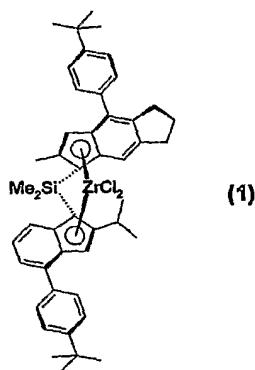
25 Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was carried out at 145°C in 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene using a Waters 150C GPC apparatus. The evaluation of the data was carried out using the software Win-GPC from HS-Entwicklungsgesellschaft für wissenschaftliche Hard- und Software mbH, Ober-Hilbersheim. The columns were calibrated by means of polypropylene standards having molar masses ranging from 100 to 10⁷ g/mol. The mass average molar mass (M_w) and number average molar mass (M_n) of the polymers were determined. The Q value is the 30 ratio of mass average molar mass (M_w) to number average molar mass (M_n).

Determination of the viscosity number (I.V.):

The viscosity number was determined in an Ubbelohde viscometer PVS 1 fitted with an S 5 measuring head (both from Lauda) in decalin at 135°C. To prepare the sample, 20 mg of polymer were dissolved in 20 ml of decalin at 135°C for 2 hours. 15 ml of the solution were placed in the viscometer and the instrument carried out a minimum of three running-out time 5 measurements until a consistent result had been obtained. The I.V. was calculated from the running-out times by means of the relationship $I.V. = (t/t_0 - 1)^* 1/c$, where t = mean of the running-out time of the solution, t_0 = mean of the running-out time of the solvent, c : concentration of the solution in g/ml.

Examples

10 1. Dimethylsilanediyl-(6-methyl-4-(4⁹-tert-butylphenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacen-7-yl)(2-isopropyl-4-(4⁹-tert-butylphenyl)-1-indenyl)-zirconium dichloride (1)



1a Preparation of 2-methyl-3,5,6,7-tetrahydro-s-indacen-1(2H)-one (1a)
 50.71 g (377 mmol) of anhydrous aluminum trichloride were slowly added at 0°C to a mixture of 19.3 g (163 mmol) of indane and 38.3 g of 2-bromoisoctyryl bromide in 500 ml of methylene 15 chloride over a period of 30 minutes. The reaction mixture became dark red. The suspension was stirred at room temperature for 17 hours and subsequently poured onto 200 g of ice. The phases were separated. The organic phase was washed once with 200 ml of 1 normal hydrochloric acid, twice with 200 ml each time of saturated sodium hydrogencarbonate solution and twice with 200 ml each time of water. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous sodium 20 sulfate and filtered. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave 30 g (99% yield) of the compound (1a) as reddish brown oil. According to GC-MS, the content of (1a) in the oil was

99%.

1b Preparation of 4-bromo-2-methyl-3,5,6,7-tetrahydro-s-indacen-1(2H)-one (1b)

31 g (162 mmol) of 2-methyl-3,5,6,7-tetrahydro-s-indacen-1(2H)-one (1a) were added to a suspension of 50 g (0.37 mol) of anhydrous aluminum trichloride in 200 ml of chloroform while stirring vigorously at 0°C. After stirring for one hour, a solution of 8 ml (160 mmol) of bromine in 20 ml of chloroform was added dropwise to the mixture at 0°C and the mixture was subsequently stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into 500 g of an ice/water mixture. The organic phase was separated off, washed with 5% strength sodium hydrogencarbonate solution and water and subsequently dried over magnesium sulfate.

10 Filtration and removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave 51 g of a red oil. GC-MS analysis indicated that the oil contained 84% of the desired compound (1b) and 14% of a dibromide by-product. The mixture was separated by column chromatography on silica gel using methylene chloride as eluant. This gave 18.7 g (44% yield) of the compound (1b).

¹H NMR (d₁-chloroform): 7.48 (s, 1H), 3.28 (dd, 1H), 2.98 (m, 4H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.59 (dd, 1H), 2.15 (t, 2H), 1.32 (d, 3H).

¹³C NMR (d₁-chloroform): 208.19, 152.44, 151.81, 145.78, 137.09, 118.72, 117.84, 42.34, 35.48, 34.34, 33.19, 25.64, 16.24.

1c Preparation of 4-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-2-methyl-3,5,6,7-tetrahydro-s-indacen-1(2H)-one (1c)

20 0.3 g of palladium acetate (3 mol%) and 0.7 g of triphenylphosphine (6 mol%) were added to a well-stirred mixture of 12 g (0.045 mol) of 4-bromo-2-methyl-3,5,6,7-tetrahydro-s-indacen-1(2H)-one (1b), 11.2 g (0.063 mol) of *tert*-butylphenylboronic acid and 13.4 g (0.126 mol) of sodium carbonate in 170 ml of dimethoxyethane (DME)/56 ml of water. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 hours, poured into water and extracted with methylene chloride (5 × 100 ml).

25 The combined organic phases were washed with sodium carbonate solution and water and dried over magnesium sulfate. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane/chloroform from 4/1 to 1/1). This gave 10 g (70% yield) of the compound (1c) as a viscous oil.

¹H NMR (d₁-chloroform): 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, 8.3Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, 8.2Hz, 2H), 3.21 (m, 1H),

30 2.99 (dd, 2H), 2.84 (dd, 2H), 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.26 (d, 7.2Hz, 3H).

1d Preparation of 4-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-6-methyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacene (1d)

10 g (0.031 mol) of 4-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-2-methyl-3,5,6,7-tetrahydro-*s*-indacen-1(2*H*)-one (1c) were added dropwise at 0°C to a solution of 0.6 g (0.016 mol) of lithium aluminum hydride in 100 ml of diethyl ether. The reaction mixture obtained was warmed to room temperature and stirred for a further one hour. 50 ml of 5% strength hydrochloric acid were added. The organic phase was separated off, washed twice with water and dried over magnesium sulfate. The residue was dissolved in 200 ml of benzene and, after addition of 0.5 g of p-toluenesulfonic acid, refluxed for 15 minutes. The solution was cooled to room temperature, washed with a 5% strength solution of sodium hydrogencarbonate and dried over magnesium sulfate. Evaporation of the solvent gave pure 4-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-6-methyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacene in quantitative yield.

¹H NMR (d_6 -chloroform): 7.41 (d, 8.2Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, 8.2Hz, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.45-6.43 (m, 1H), 3.29, 3.17 (s, 2H), 2.95 (dd, 2H), 2.78, 2.84 (dd, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H).

1e Preparation of dimethylsilanediyl-(4-(4'-*tert*-butylphenyl)-6-methyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-isopropyl-4-(4'-*tert*-butylphenyl)-1-indene) (1e)

6.5 g (21.5 mmol) of 4-(4'-tert-butylphenyl)-6-methyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacene (1d) and 60 mg of copper(I) cyanide together with 200 ml of diethyl ether were placed in a reaction vessel and 10 ml (25 mmol) of a solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexane (2.5 molar) were added at -70°C.

The reaction mixture was subsequently warmed to room temperature and stirred for a further one hour. The reaction mixture was cooled back down to -70°C. A solution of 8.5 g (22 mmol) of 2-isopropyl-7-(4'-tert-butyl-phenyl)-1-indenylmethylchlorosilane, which had been prepared by the method described in WO 01/48034, example 5, page 58, in 200 ml of diethyl ether was added over a period of one hour. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature.

25 60 ml of water were added and the phases were separated. The organic phase was washed with 100 ml of water. The combined aqueous phases were extracted twice with a total of 100 ml of diethyl ether. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate. After removal of the solvent, the residue was dried in an oil pump vacuum and 14 g of a viscous oil were isolated. The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexane/chloroform 30 5/1). This gave 9 g (64% yield) of the ligand system (1e) as a mixture of double bond isomers in the form of a viscous oil.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.51–7.15 (m, 12H), 6.85, 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.59, 6.57 (s, 1H), 4.01, 3.89, 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.95–2.85 (m, 4H), 2.75–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.22, 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.06–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.38, 1.39, 1.40 (s, 18 H), 1.28–1.26 (d, 3H), 1.12–1.09 (d, 3H), -0.23, -0.22, -0.16 (s, 6H).

MS (direct): M⁺ = 648 (C₄₇H₅₆Si)

5 1 Preparation of dimethylsilanediyl-(6-methyl-4-(4'-*tert*-butylphenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-isopropyl-4-(4'-*tert*-butylphenyl)-1-indenyl)zirconium dichloride (1)

3.8 ml (9.6 mmol) of a solution of n-butyllithium in toluene (2.5 molar) were added at -70°C to a solution of 3.1 g (4.8 mmol) of dimethylsilanediyl-(4-(4'-*tert*-butylphenyl)-6-methyl-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-*s*-indacen-7-yl)(2-isopropyl-4-(4'-*tert*-butylphenyl)-1-indene) (1e) in 100 ml of diethyl ether. The reaction mixture was subsequently stirred at room temperature for 3 hours.

10 The reaction mixture was cooled back down to -70°C. A suspension of 1.1 g (4.8 mmol) of zirconium tetrachloride in 50 ml of n-pentane was added and the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. The orange precipitate was separated off by filtration through a G3 reversible frit and washed with 10 ml of diethyl ether. The orange residue in the reversible frit was dried in an oil pump vacuum to give 3.2 g of the complex (1) in the form of a pseudo-rac/pseudo-meso mixture. Recrystallization from toluene gave 540 mg (14% yield) of the pseudo-rac compound (1).

15 ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): 6.67 (d, 1H), 6.62–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.47 (m, 6H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, 1H), 6.07 (dd, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.36 (septet, 1H), 3.00–2.95 (m, 3H), 2.86–2.80 (m, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.354, 1.347 (s, 18H), 1.34 (s, 6H), 1.11 (d, 3H), 1.05 (d, 3H).

The following metallocenes were used in the polymerization experiments:

Metallocene (MC) No. Structure

25	1	Me ₂ Si(6-Me-4-(<i>p</i> - ^t Bu-Ph)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro- <i>s</i> -indacen-7-yl)(2- ⁱ Pr-4-(<i>p</i> - ^t Bu-Ph)-1-Ind)ZrCl ₂ (from example 1)
	C1	Me ₂ Si(2-Me-4-(<i>p</i> - ^t Bu-Ph)-1-Ind)(2- ⁱ Pr-4-(<i>p</i> - ^t Bu-Ph)-1-Ind)ZrCl ₂
	C2	Me ₂ Si(2,6-Me ₂ -4-(<i>p</i> - ^t Bu-Ph)-1-Ind)(2- ⁱ Pr-4-(<i>p</i> - ^t Bu-Ph)-1-Ind)ZrCl ₂
	C3	Me ₂ Si(2,7-Me ₂ -4-(<i>p</i> - ^t Bu-Ph)-1-Ind)(2- ⁱ Pr-4-(<i>p</i> - ^t Bu-Ph)-1-Ind)ZrCl ₂

Hom polymerizations and polymer analysis

Example	MC No.	Amount	Propylene	H ₂	Activity	T _m	I.V.	M _w	Q
P 1	1	603 mg	3.5 kg	no	1.0	159.0	3.72	548	2.7
P 2	1	405 mg	3.5 kg	yes	3.9	157.6	1.86	251	2.7
cP 1	C1	570 mg	3.5 kg	no	0.6	152.5	2.53	356	2.3
cP 2	C1	650 mg	3.5 kg	yes	2.7	154.3	1.94	240	2.2
cP 3	C2	730 mg	3.5 kg	no	1.2	155.4	3.00	458	2.4
cP 4	C2	650 mg	3.5 kg	yes	2.9	153.3	1.87	235	2.5
cP 5	C3	590 mg	3.5 kg	no	1.4	155.7	2.67	401	2.5
cP 6	C3	286 mg	3.5 kg	yes	7.1	158.2	1.80	214	2.1

Units and abbreviations: Activity: kg/(g*h); melting point (T_m); °C; viscosity number (I.V.): dl/g; weight average molar mass (M_w): 10³ g/mol; polydispersity: Q=M_w/M_n

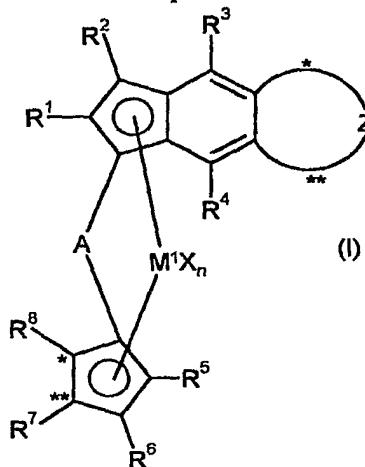
Copolymerizations and polymer analysis

Example	MC No.	Amount	Activity	I.V.	M _w	Q	T _m	C2 content
P3	1	199 mg	7.4	4.80	909	3.1	123.3	3.8
cP 7	C1	209 mg	3.4	2.86	433	2.3	125.8	3.2
cP 8	C2	207 mg	5.4	3.71	608	2.7	122.8	3.4
cP 9	C3	196 mg	7.0	3.25	452	2.5	118.3	4.6

Units and abbreviations: Activity: kg/(g*h); melting point (T_m); °C; viscosity number (I.V.): dl/g; weight average molar mass (M_w): 10³ g/mol; polydispersity: Q=M_w/M_n; C2 content: % by weight

We claim:

1. An organometallic transition metal compound of the formula (I)



5 R^7, R^8 are identical or different and are each hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms or R^7 and R^8 together with the atoms connecting them form a monocyclic or polycyclic, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms and may also contain heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of the elements Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te,

10 A is a bridge consisting of a divalent atom or a divalent group, and if R^3 is hydrogen, then R^5 is an organic radical which has from 3 to 20 carbon atoms and is branched in the α position and R^6 is hydrogen.

15 2. An organometallic transition metal compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 in which

15 R^2, R^6 are each hydrogen,

15 R^3 is a substituted or unsubstituted C_6 - C_{40} -aryl radical or C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S and P,

20 R^4 is hydrogen, fluorine, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, a substituted or unsubstituted C_6 - C_{40} -aryl radical, or C_2 - C_{40} -heteroaromatic radical containing at least one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S and P,

20 R^5 is an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,

25 R^7, R^8 together form a divalent organic group T having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, where T together with the two carbon atoms of the cyclopentadienyl ring forms a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has a ring size of from 5 to 7 atoms, where T within the ring system fused to the cyclopentadienyl ring may also contain one or more, identical or different heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te,

25 and

25 M^1, X, n, R^1, Z and A are as defined for the formula (I).

30 3. An organometallic transition metal compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or 2 in which

30 M^1 is Ti, Zr or Hf,

n is 2,

R¹ is hydrogen or an organic radical which has from 1 to 20 carbon atoms and is unbranched in the α position,

R³ is a substituted or unsubstituted C₆-C₄₀-aryl radical and

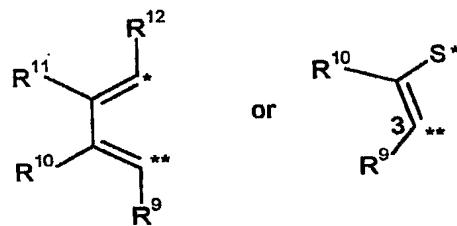
5 R⁵ is an organic radical which has from 3 to 20 carbon atoms and is branched in the α position

and the other variables and indices are as defined for the formula (I).

4. An organometallic transition metal compound of the formula (I) as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3

10 in which

R⁷, R⁸ together form



or

where

R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹ and R¹² are identical or different and are each hydrogen, halogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms or two adjacent radicals R⁹, R¹⁰ and/or

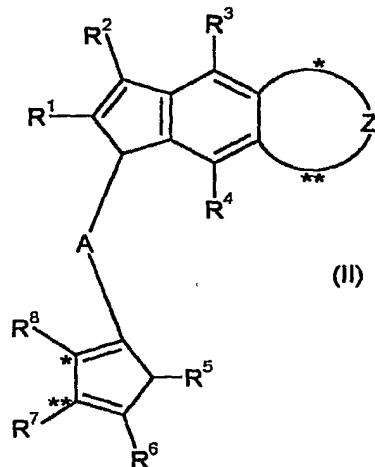
15 R¹¹ together with the atoms connecting them form a monocyclic or polycyclic, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms and may also contain heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of the elements Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te, and

A is a substituted silylene group or a substituted or unsubstituted ethylene group,

20 and

the other variables and indices are as defined for the formula (I).

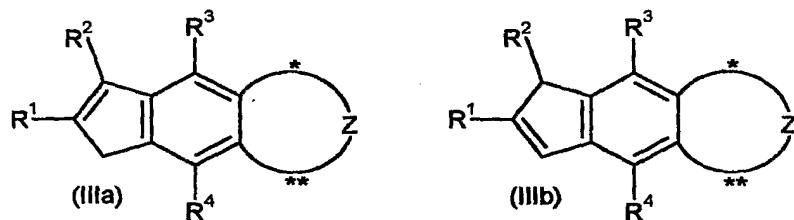
5. A biscyclopentadienyl ligand system of the formula (II)



or its double bond isomers,

where the variables $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, Z$ and A are as defined for the formula (I).

6. An indene of the formula (IIIa) or its double bond isomer of the formula (IIIb)



5 where

R^3 is halogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, and the variables R^1 , R^2 , R^4 and Z are as defined for the formula (I).

7. A catalyst system for the polymerization of olefins, which comprises at least one organometallic transition metal compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 and at least one cocatalyst which is able to convert the organometallic transition metal compound into a species which is polymerization-active toward at least one olefin.

10 8. A catalyst system as claimed in claim 7 which further comprises a support.

9. A process for preparing polyolefins by polymerization or copolymerization of at least one

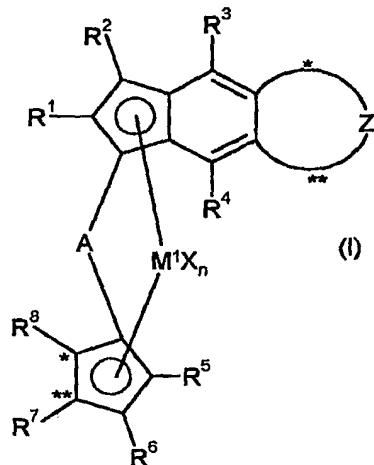
olefin in the presence of a catalyst system as claimed in claim 7 or 8.

10. The use of a biscyclopentadienyl ligand system as claimed in claim 5 or an indene as claimed in claim 6 for preparing an organometallic transition metal compound.

11. A process for preparing an organometallic transition metal compound, which comprises reacting a biscyclopentadienyl ligand system as claimed in claim 5 or a bisanion prepared therefrom with a transition metal compound.

Abstract

The present invention relates to organometallic transition metal compounds of the formula (I)



where

- 5 M^1 is an element of group 3, 4, 5 or 6 of the Periodic Table of the Elements or the lanthanides,
- X are identical or different and are each an organic or inorganic radical, with two radicals X also being able to be joined to one another,
- n is a natural number from 1 to 4,
- 10 Z is a divalent organic group which has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms and together with the two carbon atoms of the indenyl system forms a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted ring system having a ring size of from 4 to 12 atoms, where Z within the ring system fused to the indenyl system may also contain one or more, identical or different heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te,
- 15 R^1 is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,
- R^2 is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,
- R^3 is hydrogen, halogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,
- R^4 is hydrogen, halogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,
- R^5 is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,
- 20 R^6 is hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms,

R⁷, R⁸ are identical or different and are each hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms or R⁷ and R⁸ together with the atoms connecting them form a monocyclic or polycyclic, substituted or unsubstituted ring system which has from 1 to 40 carbon atoms and may also contain heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of the elements Si, Ge, N, P, O, S, Se and Te,

5 A is a bridge consisting of a divalent atom or a divalent group, and if R³ is hydrogen, then R⁵ is an organic radical which has from 3 to 20 carbon atoms and is branched in the α position and R⁶ is hydrogen,

10 biscyclopentadienyl ligand systems having such a substitution pattern, indenes having a specific substitution pattern, catalyst systems comprising at least one of the organometallic transition metal compounds of the present invention, a process for preparing polyolefins by polymerization or copolymerization of at least one olefin in the presence of one of the catalyst systems of the present invention, the use of the biscyclopentadienyl ligand systems of the present invention for preparing organometallic transition metal compounds and a process for preparing organometallic transition metal compounds using the biscyclopentadienyl ligand systems.

15